**Giant Vinegaroon**

**Native to:** Deserts of the South Western United States

**Predators:**  Birds, Scorpion, Small Mammals

**Food:**  Insects, Other Scorpions, lizards

**Facts:**.

* They are the largest species of vinegaroon or tailless whip scorpion found on the planet measuring up 2.5 inches or more in length.
* For protection from the base of their tail the spray a chemical compound that is 85% acetic acid. This is how they get their name because acetic acid id the main chemical in Vinegar.
* They have six functioning legs for movement on set of modified legs they use as feelers to sense their environment and large et of front claws they use to crush their pray with.
* These animals are the remnants from a time millions of years ago that arachnids and their relatives were the dominant species on the planet.
* These animals are mid-level hunters and predators responsible for balancing the food webs in their ecosystem in the United States.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Spraying Vinegar from their tales
* Claws

**Reproduction:**

* Females give birth to 8 to 15 young that are carried on their mothers back until they strong enough after the first two weeks to survive on their own.

**Lifespan:** Live can live up to 4 to 6 yrs .

**Handling Tips:**

Vinny the vinegaroon is extremely easy to handle you can gently pick him up and hold him directly in your hands just be careful not to grab onto to them to hard they are fragile animals and you can do damage to them.