**Western Diamondback Rattlesnake**

**Native to:** Native to South Western United States and Mexico

**Predators:**  Birds, Other Snakes, Large Mammals, Lizards

**Food:**  small mammals and birds

**Facts:**.

* They can grow between 4 to 5 feet in length and weigh between 3 to 6 lbs.
* They have normally dark grey brown and black colorations of their scales built to camouflage with the dryer environments in which they live in.
* They are found in rocky soiled area, deserts, and grasslands in their home range.
* They are mostly solitary species of snake who tend to hide during the day in rocky crevices and burrow. They will how every brumate with other snakes during winter months in those same dens for warmth.
* They have a strong hemotoxic venom. Their venom effects blood vessels causing excessive bleeding and clotting of blood cells in the human body.
* They are the cause of most venomous snake bites in the united states, but fatalities are still very low thanks to Antivenom.
* They are generally very aggressive and territorial in the wild standing their ground to protect their home areas.
* The horrible process of Rattlesnake roundups still exists in the South West where diamond backs are hunted for sport game and fun.
* They are considered of Least Concern in the wild.

**Defense Mechanism**

Camo, Venom

**Reproduction:** Females give birth to live young at late summer they can carry up to 7 to 14 young inside of them.

**Lifespan:** Can live for about 20 to 30 yrs

**Handling Tips:**

Echo and Reverb should never be handled by anyone who does not have the training and experience to do so. He will be packed in a glass viewing tank for programming purposes.