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This month we are learning all about the Tiger Whiptail as the weather warms up this spring and lizards get active! Here are some key facts:

- A Tiger whiptail's tail can be twice as long as the rest of its body!
- Young whiptails have a bright blue tail that loses color as it grows to adulthood, eventually becoming dark brown or black.
- Whiptails are diurnal, meaning they are active during the day, even in the summer! They eat insects, spiders, scorpions, and smaller lizards.
- Tiger Whiptails are habitat generalists, meaning they can be found in almost any part of the Sonoran Desert.

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