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DESERT HAIRY SCORPION

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This month, we are learning all about the Desert Hairy Scorpion (*Hadrurus arizonensis*). Here are some fun and key facts:

- Scorpions are burrowers and will follow moisture lines as they dig their burrows in the desert sands and can be as deep as 8 ft.
- Hairy scorpions grow up to 6 inches long and are bigger than other scorpions. They eat other scorpion species, lizards, and insects. They are also prey for many species in the desert, including owls, large spiders, bats, and small mammals.
- When threatened, they will assume a defensive posture with an arched tail and outstretched pinchers; however, their sting is the mildest of the three common species found here.

Sources:

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