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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Fat-tailed Gecko

Hemitheconyx caudicinctus

The African Fat-tailed Gecko is a medium-sized, nocturnal lizard native to West Africa. Recognized for its distinctive broad tail, which stores fat as an energy reserve, this gecko displays earthy co…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Eublepharidae
Habitat: Semi-arid savannas and dry forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 45-75 grams
Scientific name: Hemitheconyx caudicinctus

Did you know?

- If threatened, the African Fat-tailed Gecko can detach its tail, which continues to wriggle and distract predators, giving the gecko a chance to esca…
- Unlike many geckos, the African Fat-tailed Gecko has movable eyelids and cannot climb smooth vertical surfaces. Its tail serves as both a fat reserve…

What I learned

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