

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
