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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black Tree Monitor

Varanus beccarii

The Black Tree Monitor is a sleek, arboreal lizard native to the tropical rainforests of the Aru Islands in Indonesia. It is renowned for its jet-black coloration, long slender body, and prehensile t…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Varanidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest canopy
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 150-250 grams
Scientific name: Varanus beccarii

Did you know?

- Despite their slender build and arboreal lifestyle, Black Tree Monitors are capable of leaping several feet between branches when hunting or escaping…
- Black Tree Monitors have a fully prehensile tail that acts like a fifth limb, helping them balance and grip branches. They are among the most arborea…

What I learned

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