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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
