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Borneo Earless Monitor

Lanthanotus borneensis

The Borneo Earless Monitor is a rare, semi-aquatic lizard endemic to the island of Borneo. Characterized by its lack of external ear openings, this secretive reptile has a cylindrical, elongated body…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Lanthanotidae
Habitat: Tropical lowland rainforest streams and wetlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 40-70 grams
Scientific name: Lanthanotus borneensis

Did you know?

- The Borneo Earless Monitor is the only living species in its family, Lanthanotidae, making it one of the most evolutionarily distinct lizards on Eart…
- Despite its common name, the Borneo Earless Monitor does have internal ears, but lacks external ear openings. It is sometimes called a 'living fossil…

What I learned

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