

Animal Fact Sheet

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Brown basilisk

Basiliscus vittatus

The brown basilisk is a medium-sized lizard native to Central America, recognized for the striking crest along its back and head. It is most famous for its remarkable ability to run across the surfac...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Corytophanidae

Habitat: Tropical forest edges near freshwater

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-8 years

Weight: 150-200 grams

Scientific name: *Basiliscus vittatus*

Did you know?

- Brown basilisks have been introduced to southern Florida, where they have established stable populations far from their native range.
- Brown basilisks can sprint bipedally on their hind legs, using specialized scales on their feet to run briefly across water. They possess a pronounce...

What I learned

