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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

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