

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Common Basilisk

*Basiliscus basiliscus*

The Common Basilisk, also known as the 'Jesus Christ lizard,' is a striking reptile native to the rainforests of Central and South America. Distinguished by its vivid green or brown coloring and prom...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Corytophanidae

**Habitat:** Tropical rainforest near freshwater rivers and streams

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 7-10 years

**Weight:** 200-600 grams

**Scientific name:** *Basiliscus basiliscus*

### Did you know?

- The Common Basilisk's unique water-running ability is due to its rapid movement and specialized toe fringes that slap the water, creating enough lift...
- Common Basilisks can sprint on their hind legs across water for up to 20 meters, a feat that has earned them their nickname. They have specialized fr...

### What I learned

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