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Animal Fact Sheet

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Draco Lizard

Draco volans

Draco lizards glide on their ribs. Where every other gliding vertebrate stretches skin between its limbs, a Draco has five to seven pairs of enormously elongated ribs that swing outward like the spok…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Agamidae
Habitat: Tropical forest
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Draco volans

Did you know?

- Despite their nickname 'flying dragon,' Draco lizards do not truly fly but glide using their extended rib membranes.
- The rib-supported membrane is unique among living vertebrates, though a few extinct Triassic reptiles independently evolved almost exactly the same s…

What I learned

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