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Animal Fact Sheet

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False Chameleon

Chamaeleolis barbatus

The False Chameleon is a unique lizard native to Cuba, notable for its slow movements and independently rotating eyes, which are reminiscent of true chameleons. Unlike true chameleons, it belongs to …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Dactyloidae
Habitat: Forest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 40-60 grams
Scientific name: Chamaeleolis barbatus

Did you know?

- Unlike most anoles, False Chameleons cannot change color dramatically, relying on their mottled brown and gray patterns to blend into tree bark.
- False Chameleons can move their eyes independently, giving them a wide field of vision. They are highly specialized snail predators, using their stro…

What I learned

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