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Animal Fact Sheet

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Flat-tailed House Gecko

Hemidactylus platyurus

The Flat-tailed House Gecko is a slender, nocturnal lizard known for its distinctive, flattened tail and ability to cling to smooth surfaces. Native to Southeast Asia, it commonly inhabits human dwel…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Gekkonidae
Habitat: Urban areas, forests, and woodlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 2-4 grams
Scientific name: Hemidactylus platyurus

Did you know?

- Despite being native to Southeast Asia, the Flat-tailed House Gecko has established populations in the Americas and Pacific islands through accidenta…
- Flat-tailed House Geckos can drop their tails as a defense mechanism, and the tail will continue to wriggle to distract predators. Their specialized …

What I learned

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