

# 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 dwellings.

### 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 accidental introductions.
- Flat-tailed House Geckos can drop their tails as a defense mechanism, and the tail will continue to wriggle to distract predators. Their specialized skin allows them to cling to smooth surfaces.

### What I learned

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