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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mediterranean House Gecko

Hemidactylus turcicus

Hemidactylus turcicus is one of the most successful stowaways in the reptile world. Native to the Mediterranean basin and the Middle East, it has been carried by ship and cargo to the southern United…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Gekkonidae
Habitat: Urban areas, rocky terrains, and coastal regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-9 years
Weight: 2-5 grams
Scientific name: Hemidactylus turcicus

Did you know?

- Unlike many reptiles, Mediterranean House Geckos thrive in human dwellings and are often more common in cities than in the wild.
- The gecko's adhesion is dry - no glue, no suction, just van der Waals forces across billions of contact points - and the same mechanism has been reve…

What I learned

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