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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mossy Leaf-Tailed Gecko

Uroplatus sikorae

Uroplatus sikorae is one of the most complete camouflage systems in any vertebrate. Its crypsis does not rest on colour alone: a fringe of flattened dermal flaps runs down each side of the body, alon…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Gekkonidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 10-30 grams
Scientific name: Uroplatus sikorae

Did you know?

- Despite their extraordinary camouflage, Mossy Leaf-Tailed Geckos can drop their tails as a last-resort defense mechanism to escape predators.
- Uroplatus geckos have among the most light-sensitive eyes measured in any vertebrate, roughly 350 times more sensitive at low light than a human's, a…

What I learned

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