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Philippine sailfin lizard

Hydrosaurus pustulatus

The Philippine sailfin lizard is a striking large-bodied reptile native to the riverbanks and forests of the Philippines. This semi-aquatic lizard is easily recognized by the prominent sail-like cres…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Agamidae
Habitat: Tropical riverbanks and lowland forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 0.8–2.0 kg
Scientific name: Hydrosaurus pustulatus

Did you know?

- This lizard is sometimes called the 'water dragon' due to its remarkable ability to swim, dive, and remain underwater for up to 15 minutes.
- The Philippine sailfin lizard can 'run' upright across the water's surface using its powerful hind legs and long tail. Males develop large, colorful …

What I learned

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