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Animal Fact Sheet

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Plumed Basilisk

Basiliscus plumifrons

The Plumed Basilisk, also known as the Green Basilisk or Jesus Christ Lizard, is a striking reptile native to the rainforests of Central America. Characterized by its vibrant green coloration and dis…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Corytophanidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest near rivers and streams
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-10 years
Weight: 200-600 grams
Scientific name: Basiliscus plumifrons

Did you know?

- A Plumed Basilisk can dash across the surface of water for up to 20 meters before sinking or needing to swim.
- Plumed Basilisks can run across water using their unique toe fringes, earning them the nickname 'Jesus Christ Lizard.' Males display impressive crest…

What I learned

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