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Animal Fact Sheet

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Satanic Leaf-tailed Gecko

Uroplatus phantasticus

Uroplatus phantasticus, the satanic leaf-tailed gecko, is an eastern Madagascan rainforest lizard barely 7 to 9 centimetres long, and it is arguably the finest dead-leaf mimic among vertebrates. The …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Gekkonidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforests of Madagascar
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 10-30 grams
Scientific name: Uroplatus phantasticus

Did you know?

- Despite its fearsome name, the Satanic leaf-tailed gecko is completely harmless and relies solely on camouflage for defense.
- Each satanic leaf-tailed gecko's tail is individually shaped, and the "damage" in the outline is genetic, not the result of actual injury. Like most …

What I learned

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