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## Instant ID

- Baby green iguanas are bright green, while adults are a duller green with darker splotches
- Adults grow to 5 feet long, with large dewlaps (a fold of loose skin hanging from the neck under the chin) and thin strips of skin along their backs

## Hijacked Habitats

- Native to Central and South America
- Now found throughout South Florida, including the Florida Keys
- Lives in dense forests, as well as urban and suburban areas





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## Favorite Foods

- Eats a wide variety of leaves, fruit, flowers and shoots
- Feeds on the nickerbean plant, threatening the endangered Miami blue butterfly

## Critter Characteristics

- Can carry diseases, including salmonella
- Over her lifetime, one female could have over 700 babies

## Population Prevention

- Considered an invasive exotic species
- You can help by not releasing pets into the wild
- On average, Florida State Parks remove hundreds of green iguanas every year

