

Blue Diamond Iguanas



What do we look like?

Average iguanas like us can grow from 3-5 feet long to a record 6-7 feet long. This includes the tail that can make up half of our body length. Our color range has many different shades from a very bright green to a dullish grey-green. Parts of our scales change to colors like red, orange, brown and dark blue too. Our skin is dry and has a rough, scaly feeling to it. Also, we have a set of pointy scales along our backs. We have long fingers and claws which make us very good climbers.

Where would you find us?

The most common place to find us would be throughout Central and South America. Blue Diamond Iguanas are known to come from El Salvador, South America specifically. We enjoy moist, tropical habitats around 75-80 degrees Fahrenheit.





What do we like to eat?

We are omnivores, so we eat both plants and meat. We tend to eat mostly fruit, flowers, leafy greens, and other vegetables. Some examples of foods we like are: green beans, peas, parsnips, sweet potato, yellow squash, asparagus, bell peppers, zucchini, wax beans, yucca and celery roots, greens bananas, oranges, and other citrus fruits, mixed greens, watercress and cilantro. It is rare for us to eat eggs, insects, and small vertebrates, but younger iguanas will and so will adults under stress.



Some cool facts about us...

- One of the most effective ways to see us change colors is to bring us outside. When we are outside we tend to darken in color, because darker colors absorb heat better than lighter colors do.
- If we start to become too hot we will lighten our color to reflect some light to keep ourselves at a comfortable temperature. Color changes can also be related to stress, illness or breeding issues.
- Some species of us have a "third eye" on the top of our heads. It doesn't let us see things like a normal eye would, but it senses changes in light and dark. Many think this helps us notice predators that would attack from above.
- The folds of skin under our jaws are called dewlaps. We use them to "puff up" to seem bigger to ward off predators. We also use them to attract females and to maintain our body temperature.

