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COMMON LIZARDS



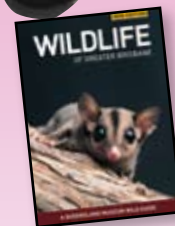
ASIAN HOUSE GECKO *Hemidactylus frenatus*
Australia's most successful invasive reptile. A native of Asia and the Indo-Pacific Region, it is a formidable coloniser, having undergone an extraordinary expansion in its global range within the past 60–70 years. This progression is largely due to accidental introductions resulting from the commensal and urbanised lifestyle of the species. Once introduced, the gecko rapidly establishes itself; frequently becoming the most prevalent and widespread gecko species in urban environments, often at the expense of native lizards.



BLUE-TONGUED SKINK *Tiliqua scincoides*
Identification: HBL 25cm. TL 40cm. Robust body. Short tail. Short legs with five fingers and toes. Broad triangular head and distinct neck. Blue-violet tongue; body is brown to yellowish-brown or grey with prominent bands.
Habitat and Range: Most habitats throughout the Greater Brisbane Region, except rainforest at higher elevations. Common in suburban gardens and parks.



EASTERN WATER DRAGON *Physignathus lesueurii*
Identification: HBL 23cm. TL 80cm. Crest of spines from neck on to long, tapering, flattened tail. Yellowish-brown with darker bands; dark stripe from eye to side of neck; chest and belly dull red. Mature males are largest and have the most prominent crests and brightest colours.
Habitat and range: Abundant along Brisbane waterways, including semi-polluted creeks, rivers and drains. Perches conspicuously on rocks, logs or branches along water's edge.



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RARE LIZARDS



BURTON'S SNAKE LIZARD *Lialis burtonis*
Identification: HBL 29cm. TL 60cm. Pointed snout is wedge-shaped and unlike that of any other Australian reptile. Hindlimb flaps are minute and difficult to detect.
Habitat and range: Shelters in low vegetation such as tussocks and beneath rocks or logs.



WALL SKINK *Cryptoblepharus pulcher*
Identification: HBL 4cm. TL 8cm. Flat body with long slender limbs. Five fingers and toes. Large eye is permanently open and covered with a fixed transparent spectacle.
Habitat and Range: Favours exposed vertical surfaces such as brick walls and paling fences, tree trunks and rock faces.

