

**Anolis equestris****System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia		Polychrotidae

**Common name** knight anole (English), iguanito (English, Miami), iguana (English, Miami), Cuban knight anole (English), ritteranolis (German), chipoyo (Spanish, Cuba), large Cuban anole (English)

**Synonym** *Xiphosurus equestris* , Fitzinger, 1826  
*Anolius rhodolaemus* , Bell, 1827  
*Anolis equestris* , Dumerel & Bibron, 1837  
*Anolis equestris* , Boulenger, 1885  
*Anolis equestris* , Conant & Collins, 1991  
*Anolis equestris* , Schwartz & Henderson, 1991  
*Anolis equestris* , Rodriguez Schettino, 1999  
*Anolis equestris* , Nicholson et al, 2005

**Similar species**

**Summary** The knight anole, *Anolis equestris* is a strongly arboreal, large anole lizard originally from Cuba. A popular species in the pet trade, *A. equestris* has become widely established in Florida where, as a generalist feeder with an expanding range, it has raised concerns of potential predation on various small vertebrate species. It has been recently introduced to the Cayman Islands, likely through shipments of ornamental plants from Florida.



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