Hemidactylus mabouia **System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Gekkonidae

Common name

Afro-American house gecko (English), hausgecko (German), cosmopolitan house gecko (English), Afroamerican house gecko (English), house gecko (English), geco-casero tropical (Spanish), wood slave (English), common woodslave (English), tropical house gecko (English)

Synonym

Gekko mabouia , Moreau De Jonnes 1818: 138
Gekko incanescens , Wied 1824: 101
Gecko tuberculosus , Raddi 1823 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Gekko armatus , Wied 1824 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Gecko aculeatus , Spix 1825: 16
Gecko cruciger , Spix 1825
Gekko incanescens , Wied 1825 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Hemidactylus tuberculosus , Fitzinger 1826: 105
Gecko mabuia , Cuvier 1829: 54 (*nomen substitutum pro Gecko mabouia*)
Hemidactylus mabouia , Dumeril & Bibron 1836: 362
Hemidactylus mercatorius , Gray 1842: 58 (fide Broadley & Howell 1991)
Hemidactylus (Tachybates) mabuya , Fitzinger 1846
Hemidactylus (Tachybates) armatus , Fitzinger 1846
Hemidactylus platycephalus , Peters 1854: 615 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Hemidactylus mabouia , Guichenot 1855:12
Hemidactylus sakalava , Grandidier 1867: 233 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Hemidactylus exaspis , Cope 1868
Hemidactylus frenatus , var. *calabaricus* Boeteger 1878 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Hemidactylus mabouia , Boulenger 1885: 122
Hemidactylus benguellensis , Bocage 1893: 115 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Hemidactylus gardineri , Boulenger 1909: 296 (fide Broadley & Howell)
Hemidactylus persimilis , Barbour & Loveridge 1928 (fide Broadley & Howell 1991)
Hemidactylus tasmani , Hewitt 1932: 120 (syn. fide Loveridge 1947)
Hemidactylus mandanus , Loveridge 1936: 167 (fide Broadley & Howell 1991)
Hemidactylus mabouia mabouia , Auerbach 1987: 82
Hemidactylus mabouia , Schwartz & Henderson 1991: 414
Hemidactylus mabouia , Cei 1993
Hemidactylus mabouia , Liner 1994
Hemidactylus mabouia , Glaw & Vences 1994: 278
Hemidactylus mabouia , Pauwels *et al*. 2004
Hemidactylus mabouia , Jacobsen *et al*. 2010

Similar species

Summary

Hemidactylus mabouia is a nocturnal, fixed clutch size lizard that is native to continental Africa. However, it is now widespread throughout southern North America, South and Central America since its introduction, thought to have first occurred via slave ships during the European colonisation of Africa. *H. mabouia* is commonly thought to be a human commensal, and can be found in both natural and altered habitats. It is an agressive species and has been known to displace and eat native geckos.

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Pathway
Hemidactylus mabouia is able to stick eggs on fishing boats. (Breuil 2009).

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