

## *Anolis porcatus*

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia		Polychrotidae

**Common name** Cuban green anole (English)

**Synonym** *Anolis porcatus* , Gray 1840: 112  
*Anolis carolinensis porcatus* , Gray 1845: 201  
*Anolis principalis porcatus* , Cope 1887: 437  
*Anolis porcatus* , Barbour 1904: 57  
*Anolis porcatus* , Schwartz & Henderson 1991: 317  
*Anolis porcatus* , Rodriguez Schettino 1999: 207  
*Anolis porcatus* , Nicholson et al. 2005  
*Anolis porcatus aracelyae* , Perez-Beato 1996  
*Anolis porcatus aracelyae* , Flaschendrager 2002

## Similar species

**Summary** The Cuban green anole, *Anolis porcatus* is thought to have been unintentionally introduced to the Dominican Republic. There have been signs of competition with the native *A. chlorocyanus*. While *A. porcatus* is most likely to displace *A. chlorocyanus* from disturbed or urban environments where it is most successful, it is thought that *A. chlorocyanus* will be able to persist in more complex, natural environments.



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## Species Description

*Anolis porcatus* is a long-headed, medium sized anole with a purplish-pink dewlap (Collette, 1961).

## Notes

Two subspecies are recognised *Anolis porcatus aracelyae* Perez-Beato 1996 and *Anolis porcatus porcatus* Gray 1840 (Reptiles Database 2010).

## Habitat Description

*Anolis porcatus* is a ubiquitous species in its native range of Cuba, being found in all habitats except open areas and deep woodlands (Collette, 1961). It is thought to be a species that prefers forest edge habitats. Increasing human-caused habitat fragmentation on Cuba is thought to have contributed to its great abundance there (Collette, 1961). In its introduced range, found on trees *A. porcatus* appears to be most successful in significantly disturbed habitats, such as along streets or in small parks and other areas of intense human activity (Powell et al., 1988).

## General Impacts

In the Dominican Republic, there are signs that *Anolis porcatus* competes with the endemic and ecologically similar *A. chlorocyanus* (Powell et al., 1988).

## Principal source:

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