



Kuroiwa's Ground Gecko (*Goniurosaurus kuroiwae*)

Size: Body length, 14 - 16 cm **Weight:** 10 - 11 g **Habitat:** Limestone in areas near rivers and brooks, as well as caves **Surviving number:** Unknown



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To stay or to go? Kuroiwa's ground gecko sometimes finds waiting to be a good strategy as insects simply wander into range. Unlike most lizards, however, this gecko does not stick to just one hunting technique, but also roams in search of food. The temperature can influence its movements: from October to May, it only becomes active when the mercury rises

high enough. But whether it stays still or sallies forth, the gecko is forced to face serious threats in the form of habitat loss, introduced predators and the illegal pet trade.

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