

## Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*)



**Description:** The Brown Anole is by far the most abundant lizard in Miami. This non-native species comes from the Bahamas and Cuba, and has spread to the entire state of Florida and beyond. They are often found on the ground or perching low on tree trunks (up to 1.5 m high). Like tourists at the beach, these guys love the sun – they are often active during the hottest parts of the day. All anole species display, but Brown Anoles are the champions – they are often seen fanning their brightly colored dewlaps, and doing head-bobs and push-ups with the intensity and stamina of an Olympic athlete.

**Key features:** Males have red-orange dewlaps, sometimes with a yellow border or blotches. Females often have a pattern with diamonds, bars, or a stripe running down their back, whereas Crested Anole females only have a cream-colored stripe. Unlike Crested Anoles, Brown Anoles do not have a light ring around the eye or a light stripe above the front limb. Instead, they often have two dark bars above their eyes. These guys are never green!

