

Knight Anole (*Anolis equestris*)



Description: The Knight Anole is introduced from Cuba, arriving in Miami-Dade County in the 1950s. It is by far the largest anole found in Miami at up to 17 cm snout-vent length. This species is highly arboreal, keeping to large branches in the canopy in cool weather, but often perching low on trunks during the midday in the summer. Knight Anoles eat insects, fruits, and small vertebrates – including other species of anoles. Both males and females of this species have light pink dewlaps!

Key features: Usually a brilliant green color, but sometimes changing to a deep brown. This species has two light yellow or white stripes, one along its upper lip and the other on its shoulder. No other anole in Miami has such a large and bony head.

