

Bark Anole (*Anolis distichus*)



Description: The Bark Anole is introduced from the island of Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic). It is usually found perching higher than Brown and Crested Anoles, from 1-3 m above the ground on wide tree trunks. These lizards are very fast and often dash around the tree trunk before you can get a good look – a behavior called "squirreling." They are the smallest anole species in Miami, males and females are about the same size (no larger than 5 cm snout-vent length). Their favorite food is ants!

Key features: Males have white to yellow dewlaps, sometimes with an orange spot. Their bodies can be gray to yellowish brown, sometimes greenish, and their tails are usually banded yellow with black at the tip. They have a dark bar on the top of their head between their eyes, a light ring around their eye, and light and dark flecks of variable size covering much of their body.

