

# Green Tree Monitor

*Varanus prasinus*



Range: New Guinea

SVL: : 29.7cm(11.7 in)

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TL: -84.5 cm (33 in)

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Weight : n/a

Habitat: monsoon and rain forest  
and mangrove swamp

Incubation: 154-190 days

Eggs: 2-4

Dispersal: no parental care

Sexual maturity: 2 years

Nest: termite nest

Social: young live in groups adults  
more solitary

Breeding: n/a

Activity: diurnal

Lifestyle: highly arboreal

Movement : generally sedentary

Food: insects and murid mammals

IUCN: n/a

Subspecies : monotypic

Longevity:captive: 15 years

Wild:unknown

Order:Squamata Family:Varanidae

The arboreal Green Tree Monitor is highly adapted for life in the trees. Unlike most monitors it possesses a prehensile tail which is twice its body length. It also has extremely sharp claws which enable it to climb trees. The bright green coloration is excellent camouflage among the leaves. It is one of the few social monitors, living in small groups made up of a dominant male, several females, and a few other males and juveniles.