

# ENDEMIC MAURITIAN REPTILES FOUND ONLY ON THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS



Keel scaled boa, *Casarea dussumieri*  
Round Island  
Size = 140cm



Lesser night gecko, *Nactus coindemirensis*  
Flat Island, Gunners Quoin,  
Ilot Vacoas, Pigeon Rock  
Size = 6cm



Durrell's night gecko, *Nactus durrelli*  
Round Island  
Size = 9cm



Serpent Island night gecko,  
*Nactus serpensinsula*  
Serpent Island  
Size = 11cm



Guenther's day gecko,  
*Phelsuma guentheri*  
Round Island  
Size = 28cm



Juvenile keel scaled boa



Bojer's skink, *Gongylomorphus bojerii*  
Flat & Gabriel Island, Gunners Quoin,  
Pigeon Rock, Round Island  
Size = 12cm



Ilot Vacoas skink,  
*Gongylomorphus bojerii* sp.  
Ilot Vacoas  
Size = 12cm



Orange tail skink,  
*Gongylomorphus fontenayi erythrurus*  
Flat Island  
Size = 13cm



Serpent Island skink,  
*Gongylomorphus vinsoni*  
Serpent Island  
Size = 14cm



Telfair's skink, *Leiolopisma telfairii*  
Round Island  
Size = 30cm

Mauritian reptiles were once abundant throughout the mainland  
Since the 16th Century habitat destruction and the introduction  
of species from outside Mauritius has caused many extinctions  
More than 60% of the reptile species have disappeared from the  
mainland, but some managed to survive on a few offshore islands  
These reptiles are not found anywhere else in the world,  
they are unique to Mauritius and are extremely important  
for the biodiversity richness of the Indian Ocean  
But many are now found on only one or a few small  
islands and are vulnerable to extinction  
To prevent the complete loss of these fascinating animals,  
conservation work is underway to restore some of the  
populations back to islands where they used to occur