

Know your species

Name

Lowland Forest Day Gecko *Phelsuma guimbeaui*.

Status

This species is rare and declining. Exact status unclear.

Distribution

The species is restricted to Mauritius. Historically it was probably found over lowland. Limited to a few forested areas and along rivers and streams in the south west and north of Mauritius. More work needed on distribution.

Biology/Ecology

The gecko lives in colonies in groups of mature trees, both native and exotic. The geckos feed on insects and flower nectar. They lay their eggs in hollow branches and trunks.

Threats

Habitat destruction and degradation.

Rat predation upon eggs and young.

Predation upon adult mynah birds and red-whiskered Bulbuls.

German and Dutch reptile collectors.

