

Dichotomous key for lizards

1. Has stripes to 2
No stripes..... go to 7
2. Stripes travel from head to tail go to 3
Stripes travel across the body go to 4
3. Body has two rows of spots..... **Yellow-spotted horn lizard**
Body has no spots **Orange-crested horn lizard**
4. Stripes are straight across the back..... go to 5
Stripes form a chevron “V” pattern **V-backed lizard**
5. Stripes are more than two scales in width..... **Purple-blotched lizard**
Stripes are one or two scales wide..... go to 6
6. Dorsal (top) of body is black..... **Fugitive lizard**
Crown (top) of the head is brown **Brown-banded anole**
7. Spots are located on dorsal side..... **Iguana anole**
No spots are present..... go to 8
8. The fourth digit from the body on the
front feet is longer than the other digits.... go to 9
The fourth digit is not the longest digit on
the front feet go to 10
9. Orange to orange-red dorsal area..... **Blue-tipped whiptail**
Green to blue-green dorsal area..... **Yellow-tipped whiptail**
10. Has a “dewlap” go to 11
(a fold of skin under the chin)
No dewlap present go to 12
11. Orange tail **Blunt arrow-headed lizard**
Green tail **Blue-backed lizard**
12. Body is bright green with golden feet..... go to 13
Body is not bright green and
feet are not golden go to 14
13. Size, head to tip of tail > 9cm..... **Golden-foot lizard**
Size, head to tip of tail < 9cm..... **Golden-foot mimic lizard**
14. Has two scales between the eyes **Purple-blotched lizard**
Has more than two scales
between the eyes..... go to 15
15. Body is red and purple **Crimson racerunner**
Body is blue and gold **Blue-mood racerunner**