

Hemidactylus turcicus

Mediterranean Gecko

Gekkonidae, the gecko family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Medium-sized gecko with moderately long limbs and slender tail
- Sticky toe pads for climbing
- Vertical pupils; eyes lack eyelids
- Bumpy or warty skin
- Light gray or almost white with possible darker mottling

Background

- Native to Southern Europe and Northern Africa
- Nocturnal
- Hides in cracks, crevices, and under tree bark
- Eats insects, spiders, and other invertebrates
- Successful invader due to its adaptability
- Vocalizes to deter predators or in territorial disputes

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