



Crested Gecko *Rhacodactylus ciliatus*

Description: Average size is 7-10 inches and they come in a variety of colors. Small hairs on their toes and tail are called setae and they help them cling to surfaces.

Habitat: Wet and dense forests. They are arboreal, so they spend most of their time in trees.

Range: New Caledonia in the South Pacific.

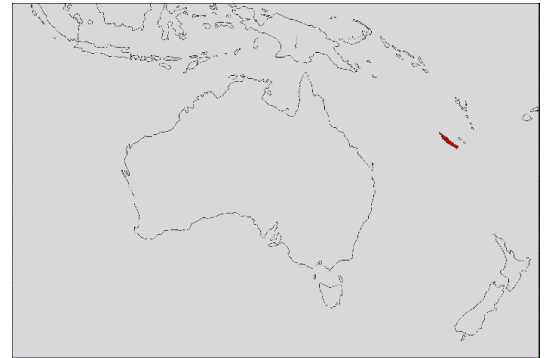
Natural diet: Insects and fruit.

Zoo diet: Crickets and fruit-based baby food.

Life span: 10-20 years in captivity.

Behavior: Can change color to blend in with surroundings or communicate. This species is nocturnal, so they become active at night.

Reproduction: Will use a high pitched chirping sound to find a mate. Females will usually lay 2 eggs at a time about 10-20 times a year.



Conservation Status: Once thought extinct, but are now considered vulnerable.