



REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

THE FIJI CRESTED IGUANA

ABOUT

The Fiji Crested Iguana (*Brachylophus vitiensis*) is very rare. It lives only on Yaduataba Island in Fiji, which is in the southern part of the Pacific Ocean. It eats plants, mostly the Vau tree. The Fiji Crested Iguana is becoming endangered because of deforestation caused by goats eating the Vau tree. Female Crested Iguanas are green, while males are blue-green with lighter cross-bands. Crested Iguanas can reach a length of 35 inches and have crest spines on their backs.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Fiji Crested Iguana has the ability to change color when excited. Their incubation period is about 9 months, the longest of any iguana, and there are about 4 eggs per laying.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

The Fiji Crested Iguana is becoming endangered because:

- a. the streams are drying up on its island.
- b. goats are eating its main source of food.
- c. tourists keep catching them to bring home.

Answer is B.

