

“NOT AVAILABLE”:  
LIZARD SPECIES ERRONEOUSLY OR  
DOUBTFULLY REPORTED FROM BORNEO

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ABSTRACT

Altogether, 109 nominal species of lizards are currently known from Borneo. An additional 30 species have been recorded from the island in the literature. Several of these have now been shown to be the result of misidentification, inappropriate use of names and inaccurate locality data. Others may well be valid records, but await verification through new collections and/or investigations on museum specimens.

INTRODUCTION

At present, 109 species of lizards (Sauria: Squamata) are known from Borneo (Das, 2004). An additional 30 species have been recorded from Borneo in the literature. These include members of the families Agamidae (seven species), Dibamidae (two species), Gekkonidae (12 species), Scincidae (eight species) and Varanidae (one species).

Some of these records require verification through fresh collection and investigations on existing museum specimens. For instance, the gekkonid, *Hemidactylus brookii* Gray, 1845, was described on the basis of material from this island, but was not to be recollected for the next 160 years, and only recently was a breeding population discovered (see Das and Sukumaran, 2006). Other doubtful records of lizard species on Borneo have been shown to be