

A flash of... green?

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ANOLES CAN FIT ON A
BLADE OF GRASS.



Have you ever been to the Philippines? No? Ever had a lizard jump on your head? Of course you have not! Well you are about to take a ride to places where crazy stuff like that happens . . . the rain forest! Now before we go I must tell you what we will learn about on our trip . . . The American green anole. That is what we will be learning about today. Now put on your binoculars and look out for fast green small lizards!

I am scaly and I know it!

An anole is a very very small lizard. It can hang off the bottoms of leaves and not be spotted! Now even with being little an anole can be a pet but are very hard to take care of. Many anoles can live to be 7 in captivity. An anole is an animal that expresses their feelings in odd ways. Sometimes they turn brown on a green leaf when they are depressed. If they are happy they will turn whatever color they are standing on (if it is either green or brown.) the male and female anole are not very distinct if you look at one. Usually you need to see both by each other (the male is bigger.)

Hungry hungry anole

In the anole world it is usually not a goal to get "married". Some anoles really get drawn to someone but most of the time they turn them down. When an anole is at least 2 they usually start to be on the look out for a female. A lot of the time they will mate between late march to early October. Also in the anole world they aren't picky eaters. They can eat little insects to small spiders. (As a pet they just eat crickets)

What have you learned?

Well our ride has come to a stop. If you ever want to learn more just ask a local pet shop about anoles. Hope you had fun and hopefully learned something.