

Green Iguana (Iguana iguana)

#### **Instant ID**

- Baby green iguanas are bright green, while adults are a duller green with darker splotches
- Adults grow to 5 feet long, with large dewlaps (a fold of loose skin hanging from the neck under the chin) and thin strips of skin along their backs

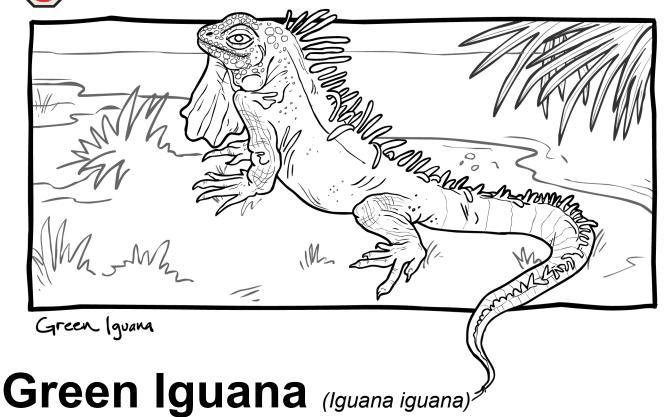
# **Hijacked Habitats**

- Native to Central and South America
- Now found throughout South Florida, including the Florida Keys
- Lives in dense forests, as well as urban and suburban areas









#### **Favorite Foods**

- · Eats a wide variety of leaves, fruit, flowers and shoots
- Feeds on the nickerbean plant, threatening the endangered Miami blue butterfly

### **Critter Characteristics**

- · Can carry diseases, including salmonella
- · Over her lifetime, one female could have over 700 babies

## **Population Prevention**

- Considered an invasive exotic species
- · You can help by not releasing pets into the wild
- On average, Florida State Parks remove hundreds of green iguanas every year



