

COMMON LEOPARD GECKO

Eublepharis macularius

Blyth, 1854



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Reptilia

Order: Squamata

Family: Eublepharidae

5 subspecies recognized



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Identification: Adults can reach 28 cm in length for a weight up to 80 g with males being longer than females. Large triangular head with mobile eyelids, warty skin. Coloration sandy-yellow to beige with black dots, sometimes connected to each other.

Range: The species occurs in western Asia, from South-East Afghanistan and Pakistan to north-west India.

Habitat : Dry grasslands, rocky areas and deserts.

Behavior: The species is active by short bursts, both by day and night and will spend the rest of its time resting in burrows. Oviparous. Feeds mostly on invertebrates.

Status in the wild: The species' status hasn't been assessed by IUCN so far. It seems relatively common within its range and does not suffer so far from habitat loss.

In captivity: This species is very common in captivity, both in zoos and private collections around the world. Many color mutations are now well established and the species is well bred throughout the world. Subspecies in captivity are unidentified.