

Leopard gecko

Prohibited invasive animal

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- It is illegal to import, keep, breed or sell leopard geckos in Queensland.
- Are typically 7–10 cm long.
- Can compete with native species for food and resources.
- Can carry exotic diseases and parasites.
- Early detection and reporting helps protect Queensland's natural environment.

Description

Leopard geckos (*Eublepharis macularius*) are typically 7–10 cm long. They are yellow and white with black spots along the body with distinctive spotted patterns. Leopard geckos have moveable eyelids and do not have toe pads which does not allow it to adhere or climb walls like native species.

Biosecurity risk

The leopard gecko is a prohibited invasive animal under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. Prohibited species must be reported immediately to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23. You cannot keep a leopard gecko as a pet in Queensland. Penalties may apply.

Leopard geckos are climatically matched to areas of Queensland and highly likely to naturalise. An established population is highly likely to have a negative impact on native species through competition for the same food and resources. Animals that are illegally traded have a potential to carry exotic diseases or parasites, where the symptoms may not be obvious and can potentially spread to native species.

What should I do?

If you think you have seen a leopard gecko, report it immediately to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or scan the QR code to access our reporting web page. Until an authorised officer contacts you, please take reasonable and practical steps to prevent the leopard gecko from escaping.

More information

Contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit biosecurity.qld.gov.au.

