**Green Basilisk**

**Native to:** Central America

**Predators:** snakes, birds, other lizards, small mammals, caiman

**Prey:** They are omnivores they eat insects other small reptiles and mammals as well as fruits and flowers.

**Facts:**

* They are active during the day time and usually hang out on the ground near small bodies of water or in the trees.
* The females of the species are usually a bit smaller and less colorful than the males in the wild.
* They can grow up to 36 inches in length.
* They can run across water because of their speed and how their body weight is distributed perfectly throughout instead entire body while running that fast.
* They are also excellent swimmers and can hold their breath under water for up to an hour.
* They are very skittish in the males can be very territorial a singular male can cover a large home range in which they have multiple females to breed within that range.
* The Plumes on their head as the age are designed to attract a mate the larger the plume the better of their odds of matting.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Speed for Running
* Camouflage

**Reproduction:**

* Females can lay up to 15 eggs which they do in warm damp soil.

**Lifespan:**  10 to 12 years in the wild 25+ years in captivity

**Handling Tips:**

The basilisk is less than a year old. He is extremely fast and is very skittish at first. You must grab and contain him quickly and not let up a firm hold on him or he will escape and run away.