

# Anole Facts

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- Green Anoles are native to Florida, as well as other Southeastern states.
- Anoles are diurnal, meaning they are active during the day and sleep at night.
- Green Anoles are carnivores, eating small bugs or spiders in the wild or small crickets in captivity.
- Anoles need to eat daily, and can be fed as much as they are willing to eat.
- Anoles need their prey to move in order to find it.
- In captivity, Green Anoles can live anywhere from 4 up to 8 years.
- Male Anoles have a pink dewlap, or flap of skin, under their chin whereas a female doesn't always have a dewlap.
- When a male Anole wants to show dominance, he will bob his head, which looks like he is doing pushups.
- Green Anoles can change color from bright green to brown to grey, although being brown is a sign of an Anole being stressed.
- Due to Anoles have color changing abilities they are often called "chameleons," but they are not related to chameleons.
- Anoles have sticky feet which are used for climbing.
- Anole's tails can detach to help them escape predators. It will only grow back once.



A male Green Anole, showing his pink dewlap.



A female Green Anole.