



Barking Gecko

Name	Scientific	<i>Underwoodisaurus milii</i>
	Common	Barking Gecko
Description	This is a rather large gecko measuring up to 15cm long with a slightly flattened, plump body. The tail is short and fattest near the body. Toes are long and bird-like and have small claws. It is purplish-brown to reddish-brown in colour with white to yellowish spots. The tail is dark with white bands, unless it has re-grown a new tail which may be slightly different in colour.	
What it feeds on	Spiders, scorpions, crawling insects and other lizards.	
Where it feeds	They can be found in open grassy or sandy sites, in woodlands and heath-lands hunting at night.	
Breeding	They mate in spring and females lay 2 soft - shelled eggs in amongst litter or under bark.	
Did you know?	If threatened the barking gecko will inflate its body and wave its tail. If further provoked it will leap at its attacker and bark. It may even shed its tail. Often found under rocks or granite outcrops.	



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