

Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko

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Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko Latest News

The Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko, a flat-bodied lizard species, was rediscovered in April 2025 in the Blyde River Canyon, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa, after being unrecorded for 34 years.

About Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko

- The **Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko** is **8-9 cm long** when fully grown.
- It is likely **rock-dwelling**, with adaptations suited to **cliffs and isolated habitats**, explaining its elusiveness.
- It was originally **discovered in 1991**, but has not been sighted again, leading to **speculation about its extinction** or doubts regarding its **distinct species status**.
- The gecko was previously listed as a **“Data Deficient” species** by the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** due to a **lack of sufficient sightings or information**.
- The **Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)** confirmed the rediscovery through a **research expedition** to an **inaccessible rocky outcrop** of the canyon where the gecko was first found.
- This gecko is the **fifth animal** rediscovered in recent years by the **Endangered Wildlife Trust**, following:

- A **dune mole** (rediscovered after 80 years),
- A **butterfly**, a **lizard**, and a **frog species**, all previously thought to be lost.

Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko FAQs

Q1: What is the Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko?

Ans: The Blyde Rondavel Flat Gecko is a small 8–9 cm long lizard species, likely adapted to rocky cliff habitats.

Q2: Where was it rediscovered?

Ans: It was rediscovered by the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) on an inaccessible rocky outcrop in Blyde River Canyon, South Africa.

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