

## Calotes zolaiking

May 31, 2025 • vajiramandravi.com



### Calotes zolaiking Latest News

Recently, Calotes zolaiking, a rare lizard species, was recorded for the first time in Meghalaya.

### About Calotes zolaiking

- It is a **species of garden lizard**, was first described in 2019 from Mizoram's Aizawl district by a team of scientists.
- **Appearance:** These are about 5 inches long and their bodies are various **shades of green with dark patches throughout**. They are "**strongly keeled**," meaning each of the lizard's long scales has a ridge in the middle, giving it a sharper overall appearance.
- India is home to 14 species of Calotes, nine of which have been recorded in the **Northeast**.

### What are Calotes?

- These are arboreal (tree-dwelling) lizards of the family Agamidae and are remarkable for their **extreme colour changes when excited**.

- They are **diurnal**, run fast on the ground and swim in water.
- **Distribution:** It is found in gardens and forests of **India, Sri Lanka, Southeast Asia, and some Pacific islands.**
- **Diet:** Their diet is made up of insects and other **small invertebrates.**

## Calotes zolaiking FAQs

**Q1:** What are Calotes also known as?

**Ans:** Forest lizards

**Q2:** What is the respiratory system of Calotes?

**Ans:** The respiratory tract includes the external nares, nasal chambers, internal nares, glottis, larynx, trachea and bronchi.

**Source:** TH

---

Source: <https://vajiramandravi.com/current-affairs/calotes-zolaiking/>

© Vajiram & Ravi. For personal use only.