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Recently, a new species of gecko, believed to be present only around Coonoor, has been discovered in the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu.

About Dravidogecko Coonoor

- It is the **new species of gecko** discovered in Coonoor Hills of the **Upper Nilgiris, Western Ghats**, India.
- **Habitat:** It is found in a matrix of **montane forests** and monoculture plantations amidst human habitations.
- It is noted in **both urban as well as natural habitats**, including the walls of a building, on the branches of plants, and in tree bark and wall crevices.
- It is the only species of gecko **endemic to the high elevation regions** of the Western Ghats.
- Following the discovery of the new gecko species in Coonoor, the number of Dravidogecko species found across the Western Ghats now stands at nine.

What is Gecko?

- These **are reptiles** and are found on **all the continents except Antarctica**.
- These colorful lizards have adapted to habitats from rainforests, to deserts, to cold mountain slopes.
- These are mostly small, usually nocturnal reptiles.
- Geckos are spread across six families: Carphodactylidae, Diplodactylidae, Eublepharidae, Gekkonidae, Phyllodactylidae, and Sphaerodactylidae.

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