

Takydromus ultapanensis

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Researchers recently discovered a new species of Asian grass lizard named *Takydromus ultapanensis* from Assam's Manas Biosphere landscape.

About *Takydromus ultapanensis*

- It is a new species of **Asian grass lizard**.
- It was discovered in **Assam's Manas Biosphere** landscape.
- It was found in the **Ultapani Reserve Forest** in the Kokrajhar district.
- **Unlike many of its congeners found in montane or subtropical habitats**, *T. ultapanensis* **inhabits lowland, semi-evergreen forests interspersed with waterlogged grasslands and fern patches**.
- Researchers recorded the lizards **basking on fern bushes in small open patches criss-crossed by seasonal water channels**.
- **Morphologically**, the new species **differs from its northeastern Indian relatives—including *T. khasiensis* and *T. sikkimensis***, in scale patterns, body proportions, and diagnostic head features.

- The fact that *T. ultapanensis* is currently known from a single forest range raises conservation concerns.

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