

Cyrtodactylus raimonaensis

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Recently, a new species of bent-toed gecko has been discovered in Assam and researchers named it as “Cyrtodactylus raimonaensis”.

About Cyrtodactylus raimonaensis

- It is a **species of bent-toed gecko**.
- It belongs to the **Cyrtodactylus genus** which is amongst the largest groups of geckos worldwide.
- It has been found near **Raimona National Park** in Kokrajhar district, Assam and named after the park itself.
- **Features**
 - It exhibits a moderate adult size, with a maximum snout-vent length of 71.1 mm.
 - It is characterized by rounded, bluntly conical, and weakly keeled dorsal tubercles.
 - This specific kind is **known for their curved toes** that help them grip surfaces with ease.
 - These ‘bent’ or ‘bow-fingered’ toes—an evolutionary adaptation that allows it to navigate the vertical, **moss-covered rock faces and ancient tree trunks** of the region’s tropical evergreen

forests.

Key Facts Raimona National Park

- **Location:** It is located in the north-western part of Assam.
- It lies along the **India-Bhutan border** and is situated at the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas.
- It is connected with **Phibsoo Wildlife Sanctuary and Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park**.
- **Rivers:**
 - The **Sankosh River** flows along the western boundary.
 - The **Saralbhanga River** lies on the eastern side.
 - **Pekua River** forms the southern boundary.
- **Vegetation:** Moist Sal forests, Sub-Himalayan semi-evergreen forests, Moist mixed deciduous forests, Savannah forests.
- **Flora:** Many orchid species and Riverine grasslands
- **Fauna:** It is famous for the Golden Langur, Asian Elephant and Bengal Tiger

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