The green iguana is a large, nonnative lizard that has been introduced to Florida. They are bright green to gray in color, but some adults turn orange during breeding. Green iguanas have a single row of spines running down the center of their backs and thick black bands on their tails. They can grow to over 6 feet in length.

In Florida, green iguanas can be seen in trees and bushes, on the ground or in water. Like many reptiles, iguanas are more active during the day.

Green iguanas are a nuisance to homeowners. In the Florida Keys, they sometimes prey upon native treesnails and can eat the host plant for the endangered Miami blue butterfly.

If you see an iguana
If you see an iguana, you can report it using the I'veGot1 mobile app or online at I'veGot1.org. Ask your parent or guardian if you need help.

What to do if you have a pet iguana that you can’t care for anymore
Don’t let it loose! See if local pet stores, hobby groups, or reptile rescue will take your iguana as a donation. You can also bring your pet to one of the FWC’s Exotic Pet Amnesty Days or call our adoption hotline at 1-888-Ive-Got1 (1-888-483-4681).