

Green Basilisk Lizard



omnivore

predator

submerge

The green basilisk lizard lives in Central America. It is also called a double-crested basilisk. Its body is bright green, has a fringe on its back, and has a very long tail. Green basilisks are **omnivores**. It spends most of its time in the trees, but when it senses danger, it drops to the water to run away from the **predator**. The most interesting fact about this species is its amazing ability to run on water which gives its most recognizable nickname: the Jesus Christ lizard. Green basilisks are excellent swimmers and have been known to remain **submerged** for about 30 minutes.

Read the passage, find the meaning of each underlined word in a dictionary, and then answer the following questions.

1. Write each underlined word with three syllables. _____
2. In this passage, which word means “an animal that eats both plants and animals for their main food?”

3. What is the nickname of the green basilisk lizard and how did it get this name?

4. Write the definition of “predator”. _____

5. Which underlined word from the passage is a verb? _____