

WATER dragon

Intellagama lesueurii



Native to Eastern Australia, The long powerful limbs and claws are ideal for swimming and climbing. Including their tails - which comprise about two-thirds of their length - adult females grow to about 600mm and males one metre.

The males have bolder coloration with red crests and have larger heads than females. This reptile prefers to live by water and looks for basking sites such as boulders or overhanging branches. Water dragons eat a variety of insects, molluscs, small fish and turtle hatchlings as well as fruit.

The Water Dragon hibernates over winter. In spring the females dig shallow burrows and lay between 6 and 18 eggs.