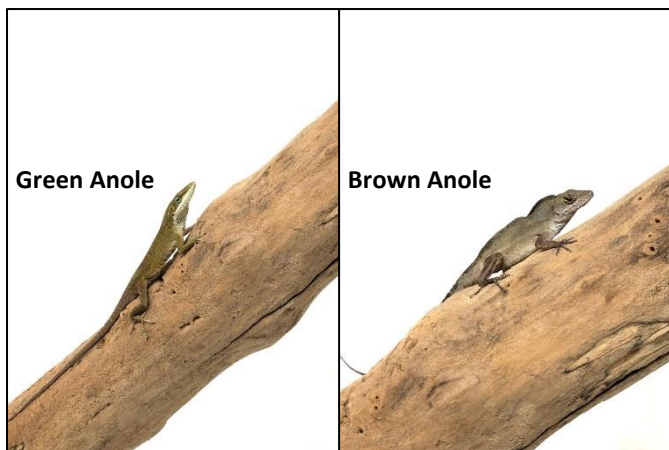


## Green/Brown Anoles



### PROFILE

*Common Name:* **Green Anole | Brown Anole**

*Latin Name:* ***Anolis carolinensis* | *Anolis sagrei***

*Native To:* **North America**

*Size:* **M:6-8" F:4-6"**

*Life Span:* **3-6 years**

### HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

#### ***Environment:***

A small slender lizard built for traversing the canopy. Found throughout North America anywhere it is warm enough. Originates in tropical rainforests but they are a very adaptable reptile.

#### ***Vivarium Size:***

Anoles are arboreal lizards so height is more important than floor space. An excellent sized enclosure for a pair/trio of anoles would be a 45x45x60 exoterra. Their nature and agility would demand climbing branches and vertical spaces for them to suspend themselves from (please see our Anole enclosure in the reptile room for reference), anoles can also climb glass, making them even more agile.

#### ***Substrate:***

A good quality substrate with excellent water retention would be ideal for these active little lizards. Humidity should be maintained around 60% but can go as high as 90% and as low as 30%. Unless breeding, anoles will not spend any significant amount of time on the floor of the enclosure, even

when capturing prey they will dart down and back up to the safety of a tree trunk. Mosses and leaf litter work very well to retain moisture in the substrate.

#### ***Food and Water:***

Anoles are insectivores and enjoy a varied diet including but not limited to crickets, locust, mealworm, waxworm, moths and beetles. We have also found that these lizards enjoy jelly pots and may take some nectar from flowering plants in the wild. Fresh water should always be available but you will find they will drink droplets of water from their environment. Misting should be performed at least once per day.

#### ***Heat/Light Requirements:***

As with all reptiles, anoles are exothermic getting all their metabolic heat from external sources. Anoles are true sun worshipers and require bright basking lights and full spectrum UV lighting.

Listed below are the ideal temperatures that you will need to replicate for your anoles:

Hot spot: 30 - 32°C

Cool end: 21 -24 °C

Night temperatures: 22 - 24°C

#### **FURTHER READING:**

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