

# Goniurosaurus hainanensis



## Scientific Classification

Kingdom:	Anamalia
Phylum:	Cordata
Class:	Reptilia
Order:	Squamata
Family:	<u>Eublepharidae</u>
Genus:	<u>Goniurosaurus</u>
Species:	<b>G. hainanensis</b>

## Binomial Name

**Goniurosaurus hainanensis**  
Barbour, 1908

**Goniurosaurus hainanensis** is a [gecko](#) endemic to [China](#).<sup>[1]</sup> its common name is **chinese cave gecko**.

### Defining Characteristics:

- Nocturnal
- Easy to Care For
- Easy to Breed
- Interesting Colors and Pattern

**Name:** *Goniurosaurus hainanensis*. Commonly known as the Chinese Cave Gecko, this easy to keep and breed species is also sometimes called the Hainan cave gecko.

### Benefits from buying at Josh's Frogs:

- Exclusively fed on gutloaded dubia roaches - this means thicker tails and healthier animals.
- Cave geckos are 4 months or older. They are very robust for their age.
- CB from CB parents, from genetically diverse and colorful bloodlines.
- Bred by experienced herpetoculturists with a combined experience of over 10 years with the genus.
- Live arrival and health guarantee unsurpassed in the reptile industry.

**Recommended Terrarium Size:** A 10 gallon is suitable for 1-2 adults, but there's nothing wrong with providing extra space. Coco Fiber or a mix of sand and peat moss works well as a substrate. Provide cork or other similar hides to make your gecko feel at home.

**Temperature:** Chinese Cave Geckos like it cooler - ideally, keep your geckos between 65 to 75F. They can tolerate temperatures up to 80F on occasion. Do not let your Chinese Cave Geckos get excessively warm, as high temps can quickly be lethal.

**Humidity:** Chinese cave geckos like it humid. Provide a water bowl, and mist frequently enough to maintain humidity between 55-65%. Substrate can be allowed to just dry out between mistings, and should not be bone dry or soaking wet.

**Size:** Adult Chinese Cave Geckos measure up to about 8.5 inches. At hatching, they measure approximately 3 inches. Juveniles sold by Josh's Frogs will measure approximately 4.5-5".

**Age:** Chinese Cave Geckos can live for a pretty long time with proper care. Exact oldest age is unknown, but easily exceeds 10 years. All cave geckos sold

by Josh's Frogs will be 4+ months old at the time of sale.

**Feeding:** Chinese Cave geckos are insectivores, and thrive on a staple diet of dubia roaches or crickets. Waxworms, black soldier fly larvae, butterworms, and the occasional mealworm make a great treat. All feeder insects should be dusted with a vitamin/mineral supplement, and fed in an escape-proof bowl.

**Sexing:** Sexing Chinese Cave geckos is fairly straightforward - males have visible bulges at the base of their tail. Animals are typically sexable by 5-6 months of age. Juveniles sold by Josh's Frogs are not sexed.

**Color/Pattern:** These attractive geckos have a black/purple base color, with orange/yellow/white bands that crisscross their body. Most notable are their red eyes. Young animals tend to be more heavily banded. The bands become narrower and shift towards more yellow/white with age.

**Social Behavior:** Chinese Cave Geckos are fine housed alone. As juveniles, they can be housed in groups, but this may result in the occasional geckos losing its tail (no worries - it grows back!). Adults can be housed in groups, but no more than one male should be housed per enclosure.

**Breeding:** Breeding mature Chinese Cave Geckos is easy. Breeding season runs from February through September. Females will lay 2 eggs every 30-45 days during this period. The animals should be cooled from October through January. Males may be removed to give the females a break.

**Natural Range:** Chinese Cave Geckos are native to the Chinese Islands of Hainan and Cat Ba.

**History in the Hobby:** Chinese Cave Geckos have been available hit and miss since at least the 1990s. They've recently had a resurgence in popularity, as more and more people realize how easy and rewarding it is to care for these awesome geckos.