

New lizard species discovered in Peru

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The new species, called *Liolaemus warjantay*, was found in the Peruvian Andes at an altitude of 4,500 meters (14,700 feet), according to a statement from the National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State.

"A valuable contribution of Peru's protected [natural areas](#) to the world is the recent discovery of a [new species](#) of lizard," the statement said.

The lizard's head is dark gray, and females have pale yellow eyelids.

The discovery was registered a few weeks ago in cooperation with scientists from Argentina, Chile and Bolivia.

The Cotahuasi Subbasin Landscape Reserve, where the lizard was found, is a protected area in the Arequipa region in southwestern Peru, with an area of 490,550 hectares (1,900 square miles).

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