

New species of lizard discovered in Peru national park

January 17 2023



A new species of lizard called 'Proctoporus titans' has been discovered in Peru's Otishi National Park.

Scientists have discovered a new species of lizard in a protected natural area in Cusco, southeastern Peru, national park officials said Monday.

"Otishi National Park reveals a [new species](#) of lizard to [science](#)," the National Service of State-Protected Natural Areas said in a statement.

The new species, named "Proctoporus titans," was found high in the Andes mountains at an altitude of 3,241 meters (10,600 feet).

The lizard is dark gray with yellow and gold flecks on its sides and head. It has a tail that is longer than its body, and grooved dorsal scales and prefrontal scales.

The Otishi National Park is a protected area in the Cusco and Junín region, covering almost 306,000 hectares (756,000 acres) of mountainous forests.

© 2023 AFP

Citation: New species of lizard discovered in Peru national park (2023, January 17) retrieved 24 June 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2023-01-species-lizard-peru-national.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.