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A Baby in a Forest



Forest

In a warm forest on a tropical island,
there lives a baby animal.




The little
animal spends
all her time
in the leafy
branches of
the trees.

The baby has
scaly skin.

She is bright
green—just like
the leaves on
the trees.

Scaly skin

Whose little baby is this?

An illustration of a green iguana nest, showing a curved branch with several long, thin, needle-like spines extending upwards.

The little animal is the baby of a green iguana.

The mother iguana dug a nest beneath some rocks on a sandy beach.

Then she laid 30 eggs in the nest.

A photograph of a large green iguana lying on a sandy beach. The iguana is facing right, with its long tail extending towards the left. The background shows a rocky, sandy hillside with some sparse vegetation.

Spines

Mother green iguana

Scaly skin



Iguana eggs

The eggs have soft, leathery shells.



Nest

Glossary

cold-blooded

(kohld-BLUHD-id)

Having a body temperature that rises or drops with the temperature of its surroundings.

hatches (HACH-iz)

Breaks out from inside an egg.

mate (MATE)

To get together to have babies.

predator (PRED-uh-tur)

An animal that hunts and eats other animals.

scaly (SCAY-lee)

Covered with scales.

Scales are small sections of overlapping skin.

tropical (TROP-i-kuhl)

An area that is hot all year round.

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Learn More Online

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A Spiny Back and Green Scaly Skin

Whose Little?
Baby Are You?

In the leafy trees of a tropical forest, there lives a tiny baby animal. She scampers along branches and is hard to spot among the bright green leaves.

Who does this little baby belong to?

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Enormous Ears and
Soft Brown Hair

A Giant Egg and
Fluffy Feathers

A Spiny Back and
Green Scaly Skin

A Tiny Beak and
Spiky Feathers

Tiny Fingers and
Fuzzy Orange Hair

Tiny Paws and
Big Black Eyes

