

Reptile Vacation – Visiting Our Homelands

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It was the middle of winter, and the reptiles in the lab were getting restless. They were all tired of the snow and cold and wanted to go on a vacation. But where would they go? All of the reptiles thought that their homeland would be the best place to visit. The bearded dragons, Frieda and Freddie, were the first to speak up.



“Let’s go to Australia!” said Freddie.
“We can go and be warm with trees, rocks, and maybe some sand. The perfect spot would have to be Queensland. While basking in the sun, we’ll have it made!”

“And if it gets too hot, we’ll cool off in the shade!” added Frieda. The Rankin’s dragons also agreed. “To Queensland! To Queensland!” they shouted with glee.



The frilled dragons had other ideas. “Australia would be nice,” said Villain, “but we think it’d be better if we went somewhere warm and wetter. And we want to go hide in a tree!” The other frilled dragons could only agree.



From across the room, there came a rustling sound. It was the sand boa, poking its head out of the ground! “Sand sounds lovely,” it hissed. “It’s the desert for me. African sands are the place to be! I’d burrow my way into the warm sands and take in the sights of the Great Pyramids.”

The green tree python piped in: “You can keep your sand! It’s the trees for me! The rainforests of New Guinea are the place to be! I’ll lounge on the tree branches and hide in the canopies.”





Overhearing the excitement, the Leachies joined in: “We know where some of the geckos would love to go. It’s off to hot and humid New Caledonia! We can climb high in the treetops late at night!”

“Jumping from branch to branch, really taking flight!” said the Crested geckos.



“Or could we stay a bit closer to the ground?” asked the Gargoyle gecko.

“I’ll blend with the bark, but I’ll still be around!” exclaimed the Chahoua gecko.





“It’s back to Australia’s desert again with me!” said the Barking gecko. “I’ll go to the warm south and sleep all day long. Underneath rocks is where I belong!”

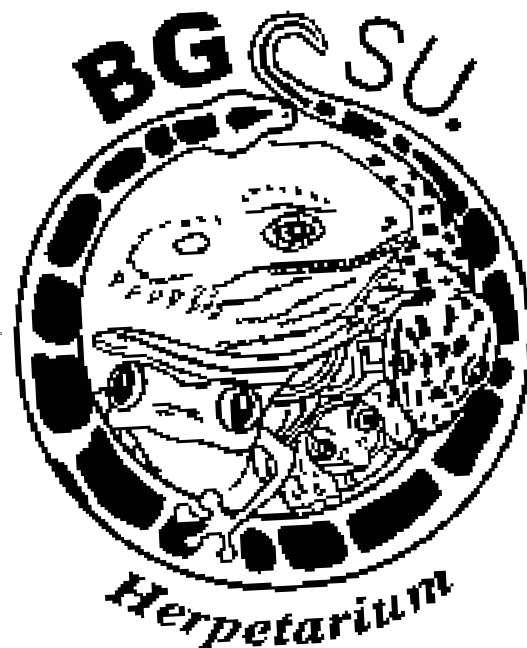
“Barking gecko, I like your style,” the Viper gecko said. “But I think it’s Pakistan that will be worth my while.”



The Giant Day gecko chuckled. “I’d much rather sunbathe on leaves, warm and wet. I think that Madagascar might be my best bet!”

With all of the commotion going on around her, Tiffany the Blue-Tongued Skink made her voice heard. “I’d love to be in Australia, lounging in the north coastal woods. But no matter where we go, I’m sure it will be good.”

All of the reptiles agreed. They may want to go to different places and will enjoy the fun of visiting their homelands, but they know that the best place to be is at home in the lab with their friends.



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