



Winner: This is Spyro, a Yemen Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calyptratus*), also known as Veiled Chameleons. Jacob-Henry Camps of Westhoughton, UK, took this portrait when Spyro was 18 months old, on autumn leaves in his vivarium. While usually quite docile toward people, Veiled Chameleons are territorial and aggressive to other chameleons, and should be housed individually. As with most chameleons, they are better suited to being watched than handled, as handling can be stressful for them. They are relatively hardy, and can be a great starter chameleon, however they still require specialist care and are by no means a reptile for beginners.



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Runner-up: San Esteban Spiny-Tailed Iguanas (*Ctenosaura conspicuosa*) are endemic to tiny Isla San Esteban which is located in the Sea of Cortez, Sonora, Mexico. Perched high upon massive cardón cacti or clambering among branches of trees along desert arroyos, these omnivorous lizards have few natural predators, and mostly ignored the presence of photographer **Jim Pinter**. Many of the 900 or so islands in the Sea of Cortez have been designated as zones of protection for flora and fauna (<http://islasgc.conanp.gob.mx/igcson/index.php>). Visitation is limited and there are guidelines intended to reduce accidental introduction of potential predators.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Year of the Lizard Photo Contest Calendar						1
2	Labor Day (US, Can) 3	4	5	6	7	8
Next Generation Data Management in Movement Ecology - Leibniz-Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW), Berlin, Germany						Midwest PARC Annual Meeting,
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Camp Frontier, Pioneer, OH						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Modeling Patterns and Dynamics of Species Occurrence Workshop - Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Bozeman, MT					Alabama PARC Annual Meeting, Dauphin Island Sea Lab,	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Look for the October calendar at www.yearofthelizard.org					
Dauphin Island, AL						