

Australian Water Dragon

Intellagama lesueurii (formerly
Physignathus lesueurii)

When to look:
September to April

Similar species:

Common or Eastern Bearded Dragon (*Pogona barbata*): its limbs and tail are shorter and it doesn't have the "crest" of spines running down its back, instead it has scales scattered all over its back, legs and tail. It also has a throat membrane which inflates when it feels threatened, while the Water Dragon has flaps of loose skin under its jaw.

One of two subspecies has a broad black stripe running from behind its eye to its ear

Around 80-90 cm long

"Crest" of spines from its head down to its tail with black bands across its body and tail

Loose folds of skin under its jaw

Larger, breeding males have a red-orange chest and throat

Grey-brown to olive green body and creamy-white or brown-grey belly

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