



Mexican Beaded Lizard (*Heloderma horridum*).

A close-up photograph of a bright green lizard, identified as a Hawaiian Green Anole (*Anolis carolinensis*), climbing a red plant stem. The lizard is positioned vertically, facing upwards, with its front legs gripping the stem and its long tail coiled around it. It is surrounded by large, vibrant green leaves and some red, fleshy structures, possibly flowers or fruit. The lighting highlights the lizard's smooth skin and the rich colors of its natural habitat.

Hawaiian Green Anoles (*Anolis carolinensis*) are descendants of escaped pets. They occupy what was once a vacant ecological niche and thrive in association with introduced plants in the lowlands on all major islands (see related article on p. 198).