

# The Lizard Man of Scape Ore Swamp

**In the swamps of Bishopville, South Carolina,** there's said to live a lizard man. Though many towns across the United States claim to have weird animals that live in their swamps, one incident in 1988 made Bishopville famous.

One summer evening, a teenager was on his way home from his night job at a fast food restaurant when his tire blew out. It was the early hours of the morning, and he was very tired. Annoyed, he stopped the car. As he was about to get out, he heard a loud thump from the fields that flanked the dark road he was on. He looked over to see a strange figure with red, glowing eyes running across the field. It was around seven feet tall, with long black talons and green scales. Suddenly, the animal jumped onto his car. Terrified, he turned his car back on and sped away, swerving to throw the creature off. When he got home, he told his parents, who came out to look at the damage. The driver's-side mirror was hanging off his door, and the roof was scratched.



In the months that followed, hundreds of people claimed to have come in contact with the very same lizard man. But by the next year, reports of sightings had all but disappeared. Was it all a joke, or does the lizard man really exist?

**What do you think? Does the story sound real to you? Write a paragraph explaining why you think the Lizard Man is real or fake. Make sure to clearly state your reasons, and include details from the text to support your opinion.**

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