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GECKOS

Bauer's chameleon gecko

Eurydactylodes agricolae

Eurydactylodes agricolae is a small, slender climber from the forests of north-western New Caledonia with olive to moss-green, granular skin and yellow markings around the mouth and on the limbs. It tolerates heat poorly, but is not difficult to keep in a cool, humid and densely planted enclosure.

Family: Diplodactylidae

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**5-6 cm** snout-vent length
Lifespan	**10-15 years**
Active	**By day and at dusk**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal**
Habitat	**Rainforest**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**30 × 30 × 45 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**18-24 °C**
Temperature, night	**16-20 °C**
Humidity	**60-90%**
UVB	**Optional** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects and complete diet**
Kept	**Singly, in pairs or one male with several females**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Sexually mature	**18-36 months**
Clutch size	**1-2 eggs**
Clutches per year	**5-7**
Incubation	**60-120 days** at 22-25 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
EU annex	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Near Threatened (NT)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE
An adult *Eurydactylodes agricolae* or a pair can be kept in an enclosure of at least 30 × 30 × 45 cm (length × width × height), and taller is always better.

TEMPERATURE
Eurydactylodes agricolae comes from forests with moderate temperatures and tolerates heat poorly. Keep 18-24 °C by day, and the animals do well at ordinary room temperature. At night the temperature may well fall to 16-20 °C.

HUMIDITY AND WATER
The humidity for *Eurydactylodes agricolae* should be moderate to high and fluctuate over the day. Aim for 60-70 % in the daytime and 80-90 % after misting in the evening.

LIGHTING AND UVB
Eurydactylodes agricolae is active by day and at dusk and likes to bask under the UVB light. Provide a fixed daily rhythm with 10-14 hours of light. UVB is not strictly necessary.

FEEDING
The staple food for *Eurydactylodes agricolae* is a ready-mixed powder diet for fruit-eating New Caledonian geckos, mixed into a smooth paste.

BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING
Eurydactylodes agricolae is small, quick and fragile and first and foremost an animal to watch. With patience it can get used to brief, calm handling.

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