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Lined Flat-tail Gecko

Uroplatus lineatus

A slender, long-legged leaf-tailed gecko from the eastern rainforests of Madagascar, which lives in and near bamboo. It has no skin fringes, but switches between plain light brown and sharp, dark longitudinal stripes. It is nocturnal, requires humid and well-ventilated air and is an animal to look at, not to handle.

Family: Gekkonidae English name: Lined flat-tail gecko Former name: *Ptyodactylus lineatus; Uroplates lineatus*

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**25-28 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**2-15 years**
Active	**At night**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal**
Habitat	**Rainforest**
Difficulty	**Experienced**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**45 × 45 × 90 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**24-26 °C**
Basking spot	**28-30 °C**
Temperature, night	**20-22 °C**
Humidity	**70-90%**
UVB	**Recommended** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects**
Kept	**Singly, in pairs or one male with several females**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**1-2 eggs**
Incubation	**85-95 days** at 21-27 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Appendix II**
EU annex	**Annex B**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE
A single adult *Uroplatus lineatus* needs a terrarium of at least 45 × 45 × 90 cm (length × width × height). A pair or a small group needs at least 60 × 45 × 90 cm, and several animals require more floor area.

TEMPERATURE
By day the terrarium should be 24-26 °C and at night 20-22 °C. The night-time drop is important for well-being and also helps the air circulate in a glass terrarium.

HUMIDITY AND WATER
Humidity should be high, about 70 % by day and 80-90 % at night, and never below 70 % for any length of time.

LIGHTING AND UVB
The species is nocturnal, but often rests in the open by day, so it gets a little sunlight in the wild.

FEEDING
Uroplatus lineatus feeds on insects. Offer crickets as a base and supplement with cockroaches (for example dubia), grasshoppers and other feeder insects of a suitable size, at most slightly smaller than the gecko's head.

BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING
The species is more an animal to look at than to hold in the hand. It rests quietly by day and is easily stressed. Handle it only when necessary, and at most once a week.

NATIVE RANGE
Madagascar.