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Raukawa gecko

Woodworthia maculata

A small, nocturnal, stone-coloured gecko from New Zealand that lives on rocks, beaches and in scrub and can live beyond 30 years. It gives birth to live young and is very rare in enclosures outside its country of origin, so little is known about its care.

Family: Diplodactylidae Former name: *Hoplodactylus maculatus; Naultinus maculatus*

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**12-18 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**30-40 years**
Active	**At night**
Lifestyle	**Rock-dwelling and terrestrial**
Habitat	**Rocky terrain and temperate woodland and meadow**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**50 × 50 × 100 cm** L × W × H for 2 adults
Temperature, day	**18-24 °C**
Temperature, night	**10-16 °C**
Humidity	**50-70%**
UVB	**Optional** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects, fruit, nectar and complete diet**
Kept	**In pairs, one male with several females or in groups**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Live-bearing**
Sexually mature	**18-24 months**
Litter size	**1-2 young**
Clutches per year	**1**
Gestation	**90-150 days**

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Appendix III**
EU annex	**Annex C**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	Little is known about the care of *Woodworthia maculata*, because the species is hardly kept outside New Zealand.
TEMPERATURE	There are no documented temperatures for animals in captivity. The recommendation is based on the climate of the range: 18-24 °C by day and 10-16 °C at night, with a drop across the night and cooler conditions in winter.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	Humidity should be 50-70 %, and the enclosure should be able to dry out partly during the day. Mist part of the enclosure lightly in the evening, so there is dew on leaves and stones.
LIGHTING AND UVB	The species is nocturnal, but it often sits at the entrance of its hide and takes a little light and warmth.
FEEDING	*Woodworthia maculata* eats mainly nocturnal insects and other arthropods: crickets, moths, small cockroaches, spiders, beetles and flies. For juveniles use fruit flies, small moths, small flies and small crickets.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	*Woodworthia maculata* is shy and quickly retreats into hiding. It is not an animal for handling, and animals that are grabbed can lose the tail.
NATIVE RANGE	New Zealand.