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LACERTIDS

Asian Grass Lizard

Takydromus sexlineatus

Takydromus sexlineatus is a slender, diurnal lizard with an exceptionally long tail, found in tall grass and low vegetation in South-East Asia. It reaches 20-30 cm, most of which is tail, and feeds on small insects. The species is tropical and does not need brumation, but it dries out quickly and needs a tall, densely planted enclosure with moderate humidity.

Family: Lacertidae

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**20-30 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**5-7 years**
Active	**By day**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal and terrestrial**
Habitat	**Savanna**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**60 × 40 × 60 cm** L × W × H for 2 adults
Temperature, day	**25-30 °C**
Basking spot	**34-40 °C**
Temperature, night	**20-23 °C**
Humidity	**60-70%**
Water	**Water dish**
UVB	**Recommended** Ferguson zone 2
Diet	**Insects**
Kept	**In pairs or one male with several females**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**1-4 eggs**
Clutches per year	**2-5**
Incubation	**40 days** at 26 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
EU annex	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	A small glass tank is too small for *Takydromus sexlineatus*, even though the animal is small. A pair needs at least 60 × 40 × 60 cm (length × width × height), and one male with two females at least 90 × 60 × 60 cm.
TEMPERATURE	The gradient is the most important thing. The daytime temperature is 25-30 °C, and the surface at the basking spot is 34-40 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	Humidity should be 60-70 %. Mist the enclosure with water twice a day so that the lizards can drink droplets from the leaves and walls and so that humidity is kept up.
LIGHTING AND UVB	*Takydromus sexlineatus* is diurnal. The enclosure needs a small basking lamp and UVB lighting.
FEEDING	*Takydromus sexlineatus* is an insectivore and takes small live insects. Suitable foods are small crickets, flies, fruit flies, springtails, mealworms, waxworms, small locusts and small cockroaches.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	*Takydromus sexlineatus* is fast, shy and an animal for observation.
NATIVE RANGE	India, China, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia.