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LACERTIDS

Four-lined Tegu

Tupinambis quadrilineatus

Tupinambis quadrilineatus is a medium-sized, diurnal tegu from the Cerrado savannas of central Brazil, recognised by the four long longitudinal stripes along the body. Its care is almost undocumented, and the species is rare in trade. The figures in the guide are borrowed from relatives in *Tupinambis* and *Salvator*: a large, warm enclosure with a deep substrate, UVB and an experienced keeper.

Family: Teiidae Former name: *Tupinambis cerradensis*

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**23-27 cm** snout-vent length
Lifespan	**10-15 years**
Active	**By day**
Lifestyle	**Terrestrial**
Habitat	**Savanna**
Difficulty	**Experienced**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**24-35 °C**
Basking spot	**40-55 °C**
Temperature, night	**20-24 °C**
Humidity	**60-75%**
Water	**Water dish**
UVB	**Essential** Ferguson zone 3
Diet	**Insects, vertebrates and worms/snails**
Kept	**Singly**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**4-32 eggs**
Incubation	**150-180 days** at 28-32 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

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

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE
Almost nothing is known about the care of *Tupinambis quadrilineatus*, and captive breeding is not documented. The climate of its range is warm and savanna-like with a distinct wet and dry season.

TEMPERATURE
The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 40-55 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The warm end of the enclosure is 32-35 °C and the cool end 24-29 °C.

HUMIDITY AND WATER
Humidity is set at 60-75 %, an estimate based on the savanna climate, which is drier than that of the rainforest; the tegus from the Amazon are kept at 70-85 %.

LIGHTING AND UVB
Tupinambis quadrilineatus is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours a day. Tegus belong to Ferguson Zone 3, and the figure is borrowed from the relatives.

FEEDING
What *Tupinambis quadrilineatus* eats in the wild is not documented. The species of the genus live on a broad diet, mostly animal food, and the figures here are borrowed from them.

BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING
No information exists on the temperament of *Tupinambis quadrilineatus*.

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