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ESCINCOS

King's Skink

Egernia kingii

A large, heavy and almost black skink from the south-west coast of Australia. *Egernia kingii* is omnivorous, gives birth to live young and lives a long time. Little documented knowledge exists on its care in the terrarium, so this guide is based on the species in the wild and on its close relatives *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*.

Familia: Scincidae Nombre anterior: *Tiliqua kingii*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**55 cm** longitud total con la cola
Peso	**220-360 g**
Esperanza de vida	**20 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**150 × 60 × 60 cm** L × An × Al para 2 adultos
Temperatura, día	**25-32 °C**
Punto caliente	**38-45 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**14-20 °C**
Humedad	**40-60 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos, fruta, plantas y lombrices/caracoles**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Vivípara**
Madurez sexual	**36-60 meses**
Tamaño de la camada	**2-8 crías**
Gestación	**140-154 días**

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice III**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo C**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Little documented knowledge exists on the care of *Egernia kingii*.

TEMPERATURA

By day the air should be 25-32 °C with a clear gradient from the cool to the warm end. Under a halogen spot lies a large, flat stone whose surface should reach 38-45 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be 40-60%. Mist the enclosure lightly a couple of times a week, and keep the substrate slightly damp under one hide at the cool end, so the animal can choose. A large dish of fresh water should always be available.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Egernia kingii is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. A UVB tube in a reflector over the basking spot, covering about half the length of the enclosure, gives Ferguson zone 3.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Egernia kingii is omnivorous. In the wild the diet is mostly soft plant material, supplemented with insects and birds' eggs.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

The species is a large and powerful skink. The animals' social life is not documented in the same way as in *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*, which live in family groups.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Australia.