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ESCINCOS

Algerian orange-tailed skink

Eumeces algeriensis

A large, sturdy skink from Morocco and Algeria with a brown ground colour and pale crossbands with reddish eyespots. *Eumeces algeriensis* burrows into dry soil, needs sun, UVB and a deep substrate, and is often confused with *Eumeces schneiderii*.

Familia: Scincidae Nombre anterior: *Eumeces schneideri algeriensis; Novoeumeces algeriensis*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**30-45 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-20 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto y bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × An × Al para 2 adultos
Temperatura, día	**24-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**38-45 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**21-24 °C**
Humedad	**20-40 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos, plantas y lombrices/caracoles**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**5-15 huevos**
Incubación	**40-60 días** a 28-30 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**No incluida**
Anexo de la UE	**No incluida**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Eumeces algeriensis lives on the ground and burrows, so floor area and substrate matter most. Two animals need at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height); a single animal can be kept in 90 × 45 × 40 cm.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, coolest at one end and warmest near the basking spot.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry: the humidity should stay below 40 %. Mist lightly once a day if the air is very dry, and twice a day when a shed is approaching and the skin looks dull.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. It is placed in Ferguson zone 3; the figure is borrowed from *Eumeces schneiderii*.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Eumeces algeriensis is omnivorous but feeds mainly on insects: crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, waxworms and hornworms, as well as snails and earthworms.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

The species is less sociable than *E. schneiderii*. It can be kept singly, as a pair or as two females, but never two males together. The enclosure needs several hides and basking spots. New animals are often wary.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Marruecos y Argelia.