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Wahlberg's Velvet Gecko

Homopholis wahlbergii

Homopholis wahlbergii is a large, powerfully built, nocturnal gecko from southern Africa with velvety grey skin and strong toe pads. It reaches 14-21 cm and lives in bushveld and savanna, where it hides under bark, in rock crevices and on walls. Almost no husbandry experience exists, so this guide is based on the climate of its range and on a close relative.

Familia: Gekkonidae Nombre anterior: *Homopholis walbergii; Platypholis walbergii*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**14-21 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**10-15 años**
Activo	**De noche**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y rupícola**
Hábitat	**Sabana y bosque seco**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**60 × 45 × 60 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**24-28 °C**
Punto caliente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**20-23 °C**
Humedad	**50-70 %**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2 huevos**
Incubación	**60-90 días** a 27-29 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little is known about keeping *Homopholis wahlbergii* in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and 30-32 °C under a heat lamp or on a basking spot. At night it falls to 20-23 °C. The temperature should drop every night. Avoid heat above 32 °C.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	Humidity should be 50-70 %, with a damper end by the water bowl and a drier one at the other end. Mist the enclosure every evening so the animal has a little dew, and let the substrate dry out again during the day.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	The species is nocturnal and does not need strong light, but 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness mimic its range.
ALIMENTACIÓN	The species eats insects. In the wild these are mainly beetles and moths, but also termites, grasshoppers, caterpillars and millipedes, and large animals take large prey.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	The animals hide by day and are strong enough to bite if they feel threatened. They should not be handled unless necessary.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Sudáfrica, Esuatini y Mozambique.