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Giant horned lizard

Phrynosoma asio

Phrynosoma asio is the largest and most slender of the horned lizards. It lives in the dry forests along the Pacific coast of southern Mexico, grows to 12 cm from snout to vent, and has a longer tail and a more lizard-like body than its northern relatives. It is diurnal, eats many kinds of insects and has a long rest period in the dry season.

Familia: Phrynosomatidae Nombre anterior: *Phrynosoma spinimentum*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**10-12 cm** longitud hocico-cloaca
Esperanza de vida	**7-13 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto y bosque seco**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 50 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**27-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**30-60 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Reposo invernal	**18-20 °C** 20-26 semanas
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**13-16 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1**
Incubación	**77-84 días** a 30-32 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little is known about the care of *Phrynosoma asio*, but adults are relatively easy to keep, because they eat ordinary feeder insects. Temperature and lighting are based on *Phrynosoma cornutum*, which is better known in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	The species needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	The species comes from a climate with a wet summer and a dry winter, and its care should follow that rhythm. Humidity is not documented; 30-60% during the active period is an estimate based on the climate.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB during the active period. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot. The zone is borrowed from *P. cornutum*.
ALIMENTACIÓN	Adult *Phrynosoma asio* eat many kinds of insects willingly and with a big appetite. Give crickets, grasshoppers and locusts in particular, and offer ants regularly.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	*Phrynosoma asio* is calm and moves in short stretches. It blends into the ground and often lies half-buried.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	México.