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Regal horned lizard

Phrynosoma solare

Phrynosoma solare is a large, flat horned lizard from the deserts of southern Arizona, New Mexico and north-western Mexico. The female grows to 12 cm from snout to vent and has a crown of four large horns at the back of the head. The species is diurnal and feeds almost entirely on ants, and it is precisely this diet that makes it one of the most difficult lizards to keep in a vivarium.

Familia: Phrynosomatidae Nombre anterior: *Phrynosoma regale; Phrynosoma solaris*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**10-12 cm** longitud hocico-cloaca
Esperanza de vida	**7-9 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Desierto y semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**100 × 50 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**27-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**20-40 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**7-33 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1**
Incubación	**40-61 días** a 27-30 °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 solare*. Its care is therefore based on its habitat: open, dry terrain with loose soil, strong sun and a diet of ants.

TEMPERATURA

The species is a sun-lover and needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be low, 20-40%, and the vivarium should dry out completely during the day. The substrate must not be wet. The species hardly ever drinks from a bowl, but licks droplets from stones and plants.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is diurnal and spends the day in open sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB all year round. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Diet is the decisive limitation. In the wild, about 89% of the diet is ants, especially harvester ants, and the species eats large quantities. The rest is beetles, other insects and spiders.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Phrynosoma solare is calm and lives alone. It does not make much of itself and is easy to overlook, because it blends into the ground. It is slow and moves in short stretches. Males signal with head-bobs and push-ups.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

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