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SERPIENTES

Four-lined Ratsnake

Elaphe quatuorlineata

A powerful, calm ratsnake from Italy and the Balkans that as an adult carries four dark stripes along a yellowish-brown to greyish-brown body and reaches 150-200 cm. *Elaphe quatuorlineata* is among the largest snakes in Europe, climbs well and needs a large, tall, escape-proof enclosure and a cool winter rest in order to breed.

Familia: Colubridae Nombre anterior: *Coluber quatuorlineatus; Elaphis quaterradiatus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**150-200 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-20 años**
Activo	**De día y al crepúsculo**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y terrestre**
Hábitat	**Terreno rocoso y bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 90 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**24-28 °C**
Punto caliente	**30-33 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**20-24 °C**
Humedad	**40-60 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Opcional**
Reposo invernal	**10-12 °C** 12-16 semanas
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**4-18 huevos**
Incubación	**55-65 días** a 28-29 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Elaphe quatuorlineata is a large, climbing snake and needs a large, tall and well-ventilated enclosure. The minimum size for an adult is 120 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATURA

There must be a clear temperature gradient. The background temperature is 24-28 °C by day, and under the heat source there should be a basking spot of 30-33 °C, so the snake can warm up. At night 20-24 °C is maintained.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be moderate, about 40-60 %, in a well-ventilated enclosure. A precise figure has not been documented for the species, but in the wild it prefers warm, slightly humid places with shade.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Elaphe quatuorlineata is active by day and at dusk and needs a clear day and night, controlled by a timer. The light is gradually reduced in autumn and increased again in spring, so the animal gets a natural seasonal rhythm.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Elaphe quatuorlineata eats whole rodents, chicks and eggs and takes frozen and thawed prey without difficulty in captivity.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Elaphe quatuorlineata is calm, shy and tame and seldom bites. It is somewhat sluggish and a keen climber, and it is hardy and eats well in captivity.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Italia, Eslovenia, Croacia, Bosnia y Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia del Norte, Albania, Grecia y Bulgaria.