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SERPIENTES

Desert Kingsnake

Lampropeltis splendida

Lampropeltis splendida is a medium-sized to large kingsnake from the desert regions of the south-western USA and northern Mexico, black or dark brown with yellow crossbands broken up into small spots. It reaches 90-115 cm, eats rodents, lizards and other snakes, and is robust and easy to keep. It is kept singly in a floor-type enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity and can live for over 20 years.

Familia: Colubridae Nombre anterior: *Lampropeltis getula splendida; Ophibolus splendidus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**90-115 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-25 años**
Activo	**De día y al crepúsculo**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Desierto y semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Principiante**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**21-26 °C**
Punto caliente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**40-60 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**5-12 huevos**
Incubación	**60-70 días** a 26-29 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	There is only a little species-specific knowledge about the care of *Lampropeltis splendida*.
TEMPERATURA	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool spots, so the enclosure must have a distinct gradient.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	Humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher at the cool end and at night and lower at the warm end, and that is normal.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	The species is active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. This fits Ferguson zone 2.
ALIMENTACIÓN	*L. splendida* is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals. Mice are the standard food, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	*L. splendida* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and only start handling when it is feeding regularly.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Estados Unidos y México.