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## Checkered Garter Snake

# *Thamnophis marcianus*

*Thamnophis marcianus* is a medium-sized, mainly diurnal garter snake with a black checkerboard pattern on a green to olive-brown back. It lives in the south-western United States, Mexico and Central America, almost always near water, and grows to 45-105 cm. It is hardy and can be kept on thawed mice, but it is a selective feeder, may eat other snakes of its own species and escapes through the smallest gaps.

Familia: Colubridae

DATOS CLAVE

### EL ANIMAL

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| Tamaño adulto | **45-105 cm**<br>longitud total con la cola |
| Peso | **30-120 g** |
| Esperanza de vida | **7-10 años** |
| Activo | **De día y de noche** |
| Modo de vida | **Terrestre y semiacuático** |
| Hábitat | **Semidesierto, sabana y humedal** |
| Dificultad | **Principiante** |

### CUIDADOS

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| Terrario mín. | **100 × 50 × 50 cm**<br>L × An × Al para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, día | **23-27 °C** |
| Punto caliente | **29-32 °C** |
| Temperatura, noche | **18-24 °C** |
| Humedad | **35-60 %** |
| Agua | **Bebedero** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona Ferguson 2 |
| Reposo invernal | **12-15 °C**<br>8-16 semanas |
| Alimentación | **Vertebrados y lombrices/caracoles** |
| Se mantiene | **En solitario** |

### CRÍA

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| Reproducción | **Vivípara** |
| Madurez sexual | **18-24 meses** |
| Tamaño de la camada | **6-35 crías** |
| Puestas por año | **1-2** |
| Gestación | **80-105 días** |

### PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

## Cuidados de un vistazo

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| **EL TERRARIO** | Little species-specific knowledge exists on the care of *Thamnophis marcianus*. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | There must be a clear temperature gradient. The basking spot should be 29-32 °C measured on the surface, the cool end 23-27 °C and the night 18-24 °C. |
| **HUMEDAD Y AGUA** | The humidity should be 35-60 %, highest at the cool end and at night. The enclosure should not be wet, because constant damp causes blisters on the belly and fungal infections. |
| **ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB** | *Thamnophis marcianus* is diurnal and thrives in strong daylight. UVB is not strictly necessary, but it is recommended and often makes the snake more active. |
| **ALIMENTACIÓN** | In the wild *Thamnophis marcianus* eats frogs, toads, tadpoles, small fish and earthworms. |
| **COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN** | *Thamnophis marcianus* is quick and alert and usually becomes calm if it is handled regularly from a young age. Let new animals settle in for about two weeks, and only begin handling them when they are feeding reliably. |
| **ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL** | Estados Unidos, México, Belice, Honduras, Nicaragua y Costa Rica. |