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## Southern Tree Agama

# *Acanthocercus atricollis*

*Acanthocercus atricollis* is a sturdy, tree-dwelling agama from the savannahs and dry woodland of southern and eastern Africa. Males develop a blue head in the breeding season, and the animals sit on branches and trunks waiting for prey. Little is known about its care: the species needs a tall enclosure with sturdy branches, a very hot basking spot, UVB and only one male per enclosure.

Famille: Agamidae  Ancien nom: *Agama atricollis; Stellio atricollis; Laudakia atricollis*

### INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

#### L'ANIMAL

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| Taille adulte | **25-35 cm**<br>longueur totale queue comprise |
| Espérance de vie | **10-15 ans** |
| Activité | **Le jour** |
| Mode de vie | **Arboricole** |
| Habitat | **Savane et forêt sèche** |
| Difficulté | **Intermédiaire** |

#### ENTRETIEN

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| Terrarium min. | **120 × 60 × 100 cm**<br>L × l × H pour 1 adulte |
| Température, jour | **24-32 °C** |
| Zone de bain de soleil | **38-43 °C** |
| Température, nuit | **18-21 °C** |
| Hygrométrie | **30-50 %** |
| Eau | **Gamelle d'eau** |
| UVB | **Indispensables**<br>Zone de Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentation | **Insectes** |
| Détention | **Seul ou un mâle avec plusieurs femelles** |

#### REPRODUCTION

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| Reproduction | **Ovipare** |
| Taille de la ponte | **11 œufs** |
| Pontes par an | **1** |
| Incubation | **56-90 jours**<br>à 26-29 °C |

#### PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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| CITES | **Non inscrite** |
| Annexe UE | **Non inscrite** |
| UICN | **Préoccupation mineure (LC)** |

## L'entretien en bref

**LE TERRARIUM**

Little is known about the care of *Acanthocercus atricollis*. The recommendations are based on the habitat and the animal's size.

**TEMPÉRATURE**

By day the temperature in the enclosure should be 24-32 °C, and the basking spot high up should have a surface temperature of 38-43 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

**HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU**

Humidity should be 30-50 %. This suits the savannah and dry woodland where the species lives. The enclosure must have good ventilation, so that it dries out between mistings.

**ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB**

The species is active by day and needs strong light and UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3: a T5 HO tube of 10-12 % in a reflective fitting over the basking spot, so that UVB covers the warm half of the enclosure.

**ALIMENTATION**

*Acanthocercus atricollis* lives on arthropods. In the wild its food consists mostly of ants, beetles and locusts. Ants make up by far the most prey items, but it is locusts and beetles that make up the most bulk.

**COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION**

*Acanthocercus atricollis* is a calm and watchful species that spends most of the day sitting still on a branch watching its surroundings.

**AIRE D'ORIGINE**

Afrique du Sud, Eswatini, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique et Kenya.