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Wahlberg's Velvet Gecko

Homopholis wahlbergii

Homopholis wahlbergii is a large, powerfully built, nocturnal gecko from southern Africa with velvety grey skin and strong toe pads. It reaches 14-21 cm and lives in bushveld and savanna, where it hides under bark, in rock crevices and on walls. Almost no husbandry experience exists, so this guide is based on the climate of its range and on a close relative.

Famille: Gekkonidae Ancien nom: *Homopholis walbergii; Platypholis walbergii*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**14-21 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**10-15 ans**
Activité	**La nuit**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole et rupicole**
Habitat	**Savane et forêt sèche**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**60 × 45 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**24-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**30-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-23 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-70 %**
UVB	**Facultatifs**
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**2 œufs**
Incubation	**60-90 jours** à 27-29 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about keeping *Homopholis wahlbergii* in captivity.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and 30-32 °C under a heat lamp or on a basking spot. At night it falls to 20-23 °C. The temperature should drop every night. Avoid heat above 32 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be 50-70 %, with a damper end by the water bowl and a drier one at the other end. Mist the enclosure every evening so the animal has a little dew, and let the substrate dry out again during the day.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is nocturnal and does not need strong light, but 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness mimic its range.
ALIMENTATION	The species eats insects. In the wild these are mainly beetles and moths, but also termites, grasshoppers, caterpillars and millipedes, and large animals take large prey.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The animals hide by day and are strong enough to bite if they feel threatened. They should not be handled unless necessary.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Afrique du Sud, Eswatini et Mozambique.