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Slender feather-tailed gecko

Kolekanos plumicauda

Kolekanos plumicauda is a small, slender, nocturnal gecko from the dry regions of south-western Angola, with a tail that resembles a feather. It lives in dry, open scrub and among rocks, and almost nothing is known about its care, so this guide draws on climate, habitat and related species.

Famille: Gekkonidae Ancien nom: *Afrogecko plumicaudus; Kolekanos plumicaudus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**7-8 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**5-10 ans**
Activité	**La nuit**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole et rupicole**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et terrain rocheux**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**40 × 30 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**24-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**30-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-50 %**
UVB	**Facultatifs** Zone de Ferguson 1
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**1-2 œufs**
Incubation	**60-90 jours** à 24-28 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Almost nothing is known about the care of *Kolekanos plumicauda*, and the species is hardly kept outside research.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the enclosure should be 24-28 °C, and a small, warm rock surface or branch may reach 30-32 °C. At night the temperature falls to 18-22 °C. A natural difference between day and night is an advantage.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Keep the air dry, around 30-50 %, and let a few hides hold slightly more moisture so that shedding goes smoothly. Let the surfaces dry out during the day.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is nocturnal and lives hidden by day. UVB is not documented as necessary, but a weak UVB light for shade-dwelling animals (Ferguson Zone 1) can be given over one end, so that the rest of the enclosure is shaded.
ALIMENTATION	The species is insectivorous. Offer small crickets, small locusts, small cockroaches and the occasional waxworm. Feeder insects must not be longer than the distance between the animal's eyes.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*Kolekanos plumicauda* is quick and jumpy and not an animal for handling. When uneasy, it often raises its tail and waves the tip, and if startled it leaps between the branches. Never grab it by the tail.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Angola.