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Giant horned lizard

Phrynosoma asio

Phrynosoma asio is the largest and most slender of the horned lizards. It lives in the dry forests along the Pacific coast of southern Mexico, grows to 12 cm from snout to vent, and has a longer tail and a more lizard-like body than its northern relatives. It is diurnal, eats many kinds of insects and has a long rest period in the dry season.

Famille: Phrynosomatidae Ancien nom: *Phrynosoma spinimentum*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**10-12 cm** longueur museau-cloaque
Espérance de vie	**7-13 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et forêt sèche**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 50 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**27-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**38-42 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-60 %**
Eau	**Pas de gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Repos hivernal	**18-20 °C** 20-26 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**13-16 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1**
Incubation	**77-84 jours** à 30-32 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Phrynosoma asio*, but adults are relatively easy to keep, because they eat ordinary feeder insects. Temperature and lighting are based on *Phrynosoma cornutum*, which is better known in captivity.

TEMPÉRATURE

The species needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The species comes from a climate with a wet summer and a dry winter, and its care should follow that rhythm. Humidity is not documented; 30-60% during the active period is an estimate based on the climate.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB during the active period. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot. The zone is borrowed from *P. cornutum*.

ALIMENTATION

Adult *Phrynosoma asio* eat many kinds of insects willingly and with a big appetite. Give crickets, grasshoppers and locusts in particular, and offer ants regularly.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Phrynosoma asio is calm and moves in short stretches. It blends into the ground and often lies half-buried.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Mexique.