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SCINQUES

Iberian Three-Toed Skink

Chalcides striatus

Chalcides striatus is a slender, almost snake-like skink from the Iberian Peninsula, southern France and Liguria with small legs, three toes on each foot and dark longitudinal stripes. It lives hidden in damp, low vegetation and gives birth to live young. Its care is almost unknown, so this guide is based on the species in the wild and on its relatives *Chalcides chalcides* and *Chalcides ocellatus*.

Famille: Scincidae

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**28-43 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**12-20 g**
Espérance de vie	**10-15 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**90 × 40 × 30 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**22-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-35 °C**
Température, nuit	**15-20 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Repos hivernal	**8-12 °C** 8-12 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes et petits invertébrés (collemboles, drosophiles)**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Vivipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**36-48 mois**
Taille de la portée	**4-15 petits**
Pontes par an	**1**
Gestation	**58-86 jours**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Chalcides striatus*. The habitat is known: damp, dense, low vegetation with cool nights and a winter rest.

TEMPÉRATURE

The species is diurnal and basks. The daytime temperature should be 22-28 °C with a basking spot of 32-35 °C air temperature, and the surface directly under the heat lamp can reach 40-45 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The species lives in damp vegetation, but not in water. Humidity should be moderate, 40-70%, and the substrate should be slightly damp at depth and dry at the surface.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is diurnal and basks, so it needs strong light and UVB. Ferguson zone 2 suits it: UV index 2-3 at the basking spot and lower in the rest of the enclosure.

ALIMENTATION

In the wild *Chalcides striatus* eats arthropods, especially spiders, beetles and ticks; prey length is 1-36 mm. In the enclosure this corresponds to small, soft prey: crickets in small sizes, small roaches (e.g.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Chalcides striatus is shy and lives hidden. In the enclosure it is seen mostly when basking or hunting. It is fast and smooth and easily slips out of a hand, so it is not suited to handling.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Portugal, Espagne, Gibraltar, France et Italie.