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SERPENTS

Amur Ratsnake

Elaphe schrenckii

Elaphe schrenckii is a powerful, diurnal ratsnake from north-eastern Asia. Adults are black or dark brown with pale crossbands and yellow markings around the mouth, grow to 120-160 cm and readily climb. The species thrives at room temperature, is inquisitive and calm, and is easy to keep.

Famille: Colubridae Ancien nom: *Orthriophis schrenckii*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**120-160 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**15-20 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole et terrestre**
Habitat	**Zone humide et forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Débutant**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 90 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**22-26 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**27-28 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-60 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Facultatifs**
Repos hivernal	**8-12 °C** 8-13 semaines
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**36-60 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**6-19 œufs**
Incubation	**40-60 jours** à 26-28 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

A single adult snake needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height), and a pair at least 150 × 60 × 90 cm. Height is important because the species climbs a great deal and uses all the space it is given.

TEMPÉRATURE

During the day the enclosure should be 22-26 °C, with a warm zone of 27-28 °C at one end so that the snake can digest its food, and 21-22 °C at the cool end. At night ordinary room temperature, around 20-22 °C, is suitable.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity should be moderate, around 40-60%. The humidity of the room and a large water bowl are enough, and misting the whole enclosure every few days helps if shedding is a problem.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is diurnal and likes to bask. A full-spectrum fluorescent tube benefits the snake, which often lies under it. UVB is optional, and no specific UV index has been documented.

ALIMENTATION

Elaphe schrenckii is fed frozen and thawed rodents as its staple diet. In the wild it also eats birds, bird eggs and fish. Quail eggs and fish without thiaminase can be given for variety no more than once a month.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The species is inquisitive and calm and one of the most easily handled large ratsnakes. It is active all day, follows everything that happens outside the enclosure and would rather flee than bite.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Russie, Chine, Corée du Sud, Corée du Nord et Mongolie.