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SERPENTS

Desert Kingsnake

Lampropeltis splendida

Lampropeltis splendida is a medium-sized to large kingsnake from the desert regions of the south-western USA and northern Mexico, black or dark brown with yellow crossbands broken up into small spots. It reaches 90-115 cm, eats rodents, lizards and other snakes, and is robust and easy to keep. It is kept singly in a floor-type enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity and can live for over 20 years.

Famille: Colubridae Ancien nom: *Lampropeltis getula splendida; Ophibolus splendidus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**90-115 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**15-25 ans**
Activité	**Le jour et au crépuscule**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Désert et semi-désert**
Difficulté	**Débutant**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**21-26 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**29-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-60 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**5-12 œufs**
Incubation	**60-70 jours** à 26-29 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	There is only a little species-specific knowledge about the care of *Lampropeltis splendida*.
TEMPÉRATURE	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool spots, so the enclosure must have a distinct gradient.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher at the cool end and at night and lower at the warm end, and that is normal.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. This fits Ferguson zone 2.
ALIMENTATION	*L. splendida* is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals. Mice are the standard food, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*L. splendida* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and only start handling when it is feeding regularly.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	États-Unis et Mexique.