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Aeluroscalabotes felinus

Aeluroscalabotes felinus is a shy, reddish-brown climber from the humid forests of Southeast Asia, which moves in the branches at night and sleeps curled up with its tail around its body. It is the only species in its genus, needs cool and humid conditions and is difficult to keep, so it suits the experienced keeper.

Family: Eublepharidae Former name: *Pentadactylus felinus; Aelurosaurus felinus* Published 15 November 2026

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**10-18 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**8-12 years**
Active	**At night**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal**
Habitat	**Rainforest and montane forest**
Difficulty	**Experienced**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**45 × 30 × 45 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**20-26 °C**
Temperature, night	**18-22 °C**
Humidity	**65-90%**
UVB	**Optional**
Diet	**Insects**
Kept	**Singly**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**1-2 eggs**
Incubation	**60-75 days** at 24-26 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
EU annex	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	Keep the animals singly, in an enclosure of glass or plastic. An adult can manage in a small enclosure of about 40 litres.
TEMPERATURE	The temperature should lie between 18 and 28 °C. A reasonable estimate is therefore 20-26 °C by day and 18-22 °C at night, but the exact figures have not been studied thoroughly.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	Humidity is crucial. Daily misting is essential, because the animals develop many health problems if the humidity is too low. The humidity should lie around 65-82 %, and briefly up to 90 %.
LIGHTING AND UVB	There are no documented recommendations on UVB for *Aeluroscalabotes felinus*. It is exclusively nocturnal and sleeps in hiding by day, so the UVB requirement is probably low, but it has not been studied.
FEEDING	*Aeluroscalabotes felinus* lives on small insects and other arthropods. Feed every other day in very small amounts, two to four small prey items per animal.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	*Aeluroscalabotes felinus* is shy, withdrawn and sensitive to stress, and it is not an animal to be handled. Keep it singly.
NATIVE RANGE	Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Brunei.