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## 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*.

Famiglia: Scincidae

### DATI ESSENZIALI

#### L'ANIMALE

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| Dimensioni da adulto | **28-43 cm**<br>lunghezza totale inclusa la coda |
| Peso | **12-20 g** |
| Aspettativa di vita | **10-15 anni** |
| Attività | **Di giorno** |
| Stile di vita | **Terrestre e scavatore** |
| Habitat | **Bosco e prato temperati** |
| Difficoltà | **Intermedio** |

#### CURA

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| Terrario min. | **90 × 40 × 30 cm**<br>L × P × H per 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, giorno | **22-28 °C** |
| Punto caldo | **32-35 °C** |
| Temperatura, notte | **15-20 °C** |
| Umidità | **40-70%** |
| Acqua | **Ciotola d'acqua** |
| UVB | **Consigliati**<br>Zona Ferguson 2 |
| Riposo invernale | **8-12 °C**<br>8-12 settimane |
| Alimentazione | **Insetti e piccoli invertebrati (collemboli, moscerini della frutta)** |
| Detenzione | **Singolarmente** |

#### RIPRODUZIONE

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| Riproduzione | **Vivipara** |
| Maturità sessuale | **36-48 mesi** |
| Piccoli per parto | **4-15 piccoli** |
| Deposizioni all'anno | **1** |
| Gestazione | **58-86 giorni** |

#### TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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| CITES | **Non elencata** |
| Allegato UE | **Non elencata** |
| IUCN | **Minima preoccupazione (LC)** |

## La cura in breve

**IL TERRARIO**

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

**TEMPERATURA**

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.

**UMIDITÀ E ACQUA**

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.

**ILLUMINAZIONE E 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.

**ALIMENTAZIONE**

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.

**COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE**

*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.

**AREALE D'ORIGINE**

Portogallo, Spagna, Gibilterra, Francia e Italia.