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SCINCHI

## King's Skink

# *Egernia kingii*

A large, heavy and almost black skink from the south-west coast of Australia. *Egernia kingii* is omnivorous, gives birth to live young and lives a long time. Little documented knowledge exists on its care in the terrarium, so this guide is based on the species in the wild and on its close relatives *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*.

Famiglia: Scincidae  Nome precedente: *Tiliqua kingii*

## DATI ESSENZIALI

### L'ANIMALE

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| Dimensioni da adulto | **55 cm**<br>lunghezza totale inclusa la coda |
| Peso | **220-360 g** |
| Aspettativa di vita | **20 anni** |
| Attività | **Di giorno** |
| Stile di vita | **Terrestre** |
| Habitat | **Bosco e prato temperati** |
| Difficoltà | **Intermedio** |

### CURA

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| Terrario min. | **150 × 60 × 60 cm**<br>L × P × H per 2 adulti |
| Temperatura, giorno | **25-32 °C** |
| Punto caldo | **38-45 °C** |
| Temperatura, notte | **14-20 °C** |
| Umidità | **40-60%** |
| Acqua | **Ciotola d'acqua** |
| UVB | **Indispensabili**<br>Zona Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentazione | **Insetti, frutta, piante e vermi/lumache** |
| Detenzione | **Singolarmente o in coppia** |

### RIPRODUZIONE

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| Riproduzione | **Vivipara** |
| Maturità sessuale | **36-60 mesi** |
| Piccoli per parto | **2-8 piccoli** |
| Gestazione | **140-154 giorni** |

### TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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| CITES | **Appendice III** |
| Allegato UE | **Allegato C** |
| IUCN | **Minima preoccupazione (LC)** |

## La cura in breve

**IL TERRARIO**

Little documented knowledge exists on the care of *Egernia kingii*.

**TEMPERATURA**

By day the air should be 25-32 °C with a clear gradient from the cool to the warm end. Under a halogen spot lies a large, flat stone whose surface should reach 38-45 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

**UMIDITÀ E ACQUA**

Humidity should be 40-60%. Mist the enclosure lightly a couple of times a week, and keep the substrate slightly damp under one hide at the cool end, so the animal can choose. A large dish of fresh water should always be available.

**ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB**

*Egernia kingii* is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. A UVB tube in a reflector over the basking spot, covering about half the length of the enclosure, gives Ferguson zone 3.

**ALIMENTAZIONE**

*Egernia kingii* is omnivorous. In the wild the diet is mostly soft plant material, supplemented with insects and birds' eggs.

**COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE**

The species is a large and powerful skink. The animals' social life is not documented in the same way as in *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*, which live in family groups.

**AREALE D'ORIGINE**

Australia.