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SCINCHI

Algerian orange-tailed skink

Eumeces algeriensis

A large, sturdy skink from Morocco and Algeria with a brown ground colour and pale crossbands with reddish eyespots. *Eumeces algeriensis* burrows into dry soil, needs sun, UVB and a deep substrate, and is often confused with *Eumeces schneiderii*.

Famiglia: Scincidae Nome precedente: *Eumeces schneideri algeriensis; Novoeumeces algeriensis*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**30-45 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-20 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Semideserto e bosco e prato temperati**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**24-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**38-45 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**21-24 °C**
Umidità	**20-40%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti, piante e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**5-15 uova**
Incubazione	**40-60 giorni** a 28-30 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Eumeces algeriensis lives on the ground and burrows, so floor area and substrate matter most. Two animals need at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height); a single animal can be kept in 90 × 45 × 40 cm.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, coolest at one end and warmest near the basking spot.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry: the humidity should stay below 40 %. Mist lightly once a day if the air is very dry, and twice a day when a shed is approaching and the skin looks dull.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. It is placed in Ferguson zone 3; the figure is borrowed from *Eumeces schneiderii*.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Eumeces algeriensis is omnivorous but feeds mainly on insects: crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, waxworms and hornworms, as well as snails and earthworms.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The species is less sociable than *E. schneiderii*. It can be kept singly, as a pair or as two females, but never two males together. The enclosure needs several hides and basking spots. New animals are often wary.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Marocco e Algeria.