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SALAMANDRE E TRITONI

Marbled Salamander

Ambystoma opacum

Ambystoma opacum is a small, stocky salamander of 9-11 cm from eastern North America, black with crossbands of white or silvery grey. The species has an unusual breeding biology: mating and egg-laying take place on land in autumn, and the female stays with the eggs until rain fills the hollow and the larvae hatch. The adults live hidden and do best kept cool.

Famiglia: Ambystomatidae Nome precedente: *Salamandra armigera; Salamandra fasciata* **Tossine cutanee lievi**

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**9-11 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**4-10 anni**
Attività	**Di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Bosco e prato temperati**
Tossine cutanee	**Lievi** Lavati le mani dopo il contatto e tieni le dita lontane da occhi e bocca
Difficoltà	**Principiante**

CURA

Terrario min.	**40 × 25 × 25 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**18-24 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**16-20 °C**
Umidità	**80-95%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua** profondità 1-2 cm
UVB	**Non necessari**
Alimentazione	**Insetti e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in gruppo**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Sviluppo	**Larve in acqua**
Luogo di deposizione	**Sul terreno**
Maturità sessuale	**12-24 mesi**
Uova per stagione	**50-200**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1**
Periodo larvale	**60-270 giorni** dalla schiusa alla metamorfosi
Alimentazione delle larve	**Altri larve e piccoli invertebrati acquatici (dafnie, larve di zanzara)**
Cure parentali	**Sorveglia le uova**

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	There is little knowledge about the husbandry of *Ambystoma opacum*, and the advice on substrate and water is partly borrowed from the closely related *Ambystoma maculatum* and *Ambystoma tigrinum*, which are kept far more often.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 18-24 °C, and at night it can be a couple of degrees cooler, 16-20 °C. The species tolerates cold better than heat, and above 30 °C for long periods it can die.
UMIDITÀ E NEBULIZZAZIONE	The substrate must be damp, but never wet or muddy, because the animal absorbs water through its skin. A damp substrate corresponds to 80-95% humidity. Mist the substrate with chlorine-free water when the surface looks dry.
ACQUA E QUALITÀ DELL'ACQUA	Adults are poor swimmers, and the species drowns if it cannot get out of the water. Deep dishes and water sections must therefore be avoided.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	The species is nocturnal and lives hidden, so it does not need special lighting and does not need UVB either. UV light can damage the eyes and skin of amphibians, and larvae must not be exposed to it.
ALIMENTAZIONE	Adults eat crawling and flying insects, worms and small snails: crickets, earthworms and compost worms, and occasionally waxworms. The feeder animals must be smaller than the animal's head.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	Adults lie hidden most of the time and come out at night to hunt. The species does not bite humans. Outside the breeding season the animals live alone, and males in particular bite each other on the snout if they meet.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Stati Uniti.