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Wahlberg's Velvet Gecko

Homopholis wahlbergii

Homopholis wahlbergii is a large, powerfully built, nocturnal gecko from southern Africa with velvety grey skin and strong toe pads. It reaches 14-21 cm and lives in bushveld and savanna, where it hides under bark, in rock crevices and on walls. Almost no husbandry experience exists, so this guide is based on the climate of its range and on a close relative.

Familie: Gekkonidae Vroegere naam: *Homopholis walbergii; Platypholis walbergii*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**14-21 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en rotsbewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 45 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**2 eieren**
Incubatie	**60-90 dagen** bij 27-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about keeping *Homopholis wahlbergii* in captivity.
TEMPERATUUR	By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and 30-32 °C under a heat lamp or on a basking spot. At night it falls to 20-23 °C. The temperature should drop every night. Avoid heat above 32 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be 50-70 %, with a damper end by the water bowl and a drier one at the other end. Mist the enclosure every evening so the animal has a little dew, and let the substrate dry out again during the day.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is nocturnal and does not need strong light, but 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness mimic its range.
VOEDING	The species eats insects. In the wild these are mainly beetles and moths, but also termites, grasshoppers, caterpillars and millipedes, and large animals take large prey.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The animals hide by day and are strong enough to bite if they feel threatened. They should not be handled unless necessary.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Zuid-Afrika, Eswatini en Mozambique.