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GEKKO'S

Western beaked gecko

Rhynchoedura ornata

Rhynchoedura ornata is a small, slender, nocturnal gecko from the sandy deserts of western and central Australia. It has a pointed snout with a beak-like look, lives on the ground and eats mostly termites. Almost nothing is known about its care, so the guide is based on the habitat and on relatives from the same regions.

Familie: Diplodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Diplodactylus paraornatus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**4-6 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**5-8 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**40 × 25 × 25 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**25-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-34 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-45%**
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**10-12 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**46-60 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 the care of *Rhynchoedura ornata*, so the recommendations here are based on the habitat in the Australian desert and on the closely related *Diplodactylus galeatus*, which lives in the same type of landscape.

TEMPERATUUR

The daytime temperature is 25-28 °C, with a warm spot of 30-34 °C, for example under a small lamp above a flat stone. Always measure with a digital thermometer, because the heat of a bulb varies a great deal.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Rhynchoedura ornata comes from dry regions and must be kept dry: aim for 30-45 % humidity. The enclosure must be well ventilated, and the substrate must be dry.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Rhynchoedura ornata is nocturnal and has no documented need for UVB. If you provide UVB anyway, it must be a weak light (Ferguson zone 1) with plenty of shade, so the gecko can withdraw completely.

VOEDING

In the wild *Rhynchoedura ornata* feeds mostly on termites and also on ants.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Rhynchoedura ornata is a calm, secretive and nocturnal animal. By day it is hardly seen, and at night it can be seen running around on the sand hunting.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

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