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Northern leaf-tailed gecko

Saltuarius cornutus

Saltuarius cornutus is a large, nocturnal leaf-tailed gecko from the rainforests of north-eastern Queensland in Australia. The skin resembles lichen-covered bark and is studded with pointed tubercles, the tail is broad and leaf-shaped, and the toes have claws instead of adhesive lamellae. It needs cool conditions and is a species for the experienced keeper.

Familie: Carphodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Phyllurus cornutus; Gymnodactylus cornutus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**14 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en bergbos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 40 × 80 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**20-24 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**15-19 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**55-100%**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Winterrust	**10-16 °C** 8-13 weken
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-48 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-4**
Incubatie	**90-110 dagen** bij 21-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage III**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage C**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A pair of *Saltuarius cornutus* needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 40 × 80 cm (length × width × height), and preferably larger, because the animal is large and lives on trunks.

TEMPERATUUR

The species comes from cool mountain forest. Keep the enclosure at 20-24 °C by day and 15-19 °C by night. Heat is the greatest danger. Prolonged heat in the high 30s is fatal to the genus, and *S. cornutus* probably tolerates less.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity must fluctuate. Mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, at least three times a week, so the humidity rises towards 100 %, and let it fall to about 55-60 % between mistings, so bark and substrate can dry out.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is nocturnal and lives hidden by day, so UVB is not necessary for *Saltuarius cornutus*, but a weak light during the day with a fixed daily rhythm is natural.

VOEDING

The species eats large arthropods such as cockroaches, woodlice and spiders, and in captivity ordinary feeder insects such as crickets and cockroaches work.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Saltuarius cornutus is a calm, secretive and nocturnal species, which sits still on bark during the day. It is not an animal to be handled, and it can become stressed when picked up.

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