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GEKKO'S

Southern leaf-tailed gecko

Saltuarius swaini

Saltuarius swaini is a large, nocturnal leaf-tailed gecko from the rainforests of the coastal mountains of south-eastern Queensland and northern New South Wales in Australia. The skin resembles lichen-covered bark, the tail is broad and leaf-shaped, and the toes have claws instead of adhesive lamellae. The species is almost unknown in terrariums and must be kept cool.

Familie: Carphodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Phyllurus swaini*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**13 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**5-10 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en bergbos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 40 × 80 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**22-26 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**19-21 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**55-100%**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Winterrust	**10-16 °C** 9-13 weken
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-48 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-3**
Incubatie	**90-110 dagen** bij 22-26 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about keeping *Saltuarius swaini*. The figures are borrowed from *Saltuarius salebrosus*, *Saltuarius cornutus* and *Phyllurus platurus*, which live in similar forest and are better known in captivity.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the temperature should be 22-26 °C and at night 19-21 °C. The species comes from cool mountain forest, so stay at the low end of the range. Heat is the greatest danger.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should fluctuate.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

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

VOEDING

The species feeds on arthropods, and in terrariums ordinary feeder insects such as crickets and cockroaches work. Hunting is by ambush, so the prey must move.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Saltuarius swaini is a calm, secretive and nocturnal species that sits still against bark by day. It is not an animal to be handled, and it is easily stressed by being picked up.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

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