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## Ocellated gecko

# *Sphaerodactylus argus*

A small, diurnal dwarf gecko from Jamaica and the islands of San Andrés and Providencia, only just over 6 cm long including the tail. *Sphaerodactylus argus* is brownish with yellow dots and lines on the head, lives in dry forest and leaf litter and can be kept in pairs in a small, secure enclosure.

Familie: Sphaerodactylidae  Vroegere naam: *Sphaerodactylus argus andresensis*

**KERNGEGEVENS**

### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **6 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **10-20 jaar** |
| Actief | **Overdag** |
| Levenswijze | **Boombewonend en bodembewonend** |
| Leefgebied | **Droog bos** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **20 × 20 × 20 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren |
| Temperatuur overdag | **24-28 °C** |
| Temperatuur 's nachts | **18-22 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **50-60%** |
| Water | **Waterbak** |
| UVB | **Optioneel** |
| Voeding | **Insecten en kleine ongewervelden (springstaarten, fruitvliegen)** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair of in paren** |

### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Geslachtsrijp | **6-10 maanden** |
| Legselgrootte | **1 eieren** |
| Incubatie | **100 dagen**<br>bij 28 °C |

### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

## Verzorging in het kort

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| **HET TERRARIUM** | Little is known about the care of *Sphaerodactylus argus*, but the species is easy to keep and breed. It is kept like the related *Sphaerodactylus elegans* and *Sphaerodactylus macrolepis*, though a little drier. |
| **TEMPERATUUR** | By day the temperature should be 26-28 °C and by night 20-22 °C. In winter the daytime temperature may fall to 24 °C and the night temperature to 18 °C. |
| **LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER** | The humidity should be 50-60 %, lower than for most other dwarf geckos, because the species lives in dry places. Spraying the enclosure every second day is enough when a small, shallow water bowl is available. |
| **VERLICHTING EN UVB** | The gecko is diurnal. Keep the light on for 12 hours a day in spring and summer and 10 hours in winter. |
| **VOEDING** | The gecko is an insectivore, and all food must be small, no larger than the animal's head. Adults take small crickets, small woodlice, large fruit flies (*Drosophila hydei*), wax moths and wax moth larvae. |
| **GEDRAG EN OMGANG** | Keep the species singly or as a pair. Two males must not be put together, because they fight. |
| **NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED** | Jamaica en Colombia. |