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## Fantastic least gecko

# *Sphaerodactylus fantasticus*

A small, diurnal dwarf gecko from Guadeloupe, Dominica and Montserrat in the Lesser Antilles. Adults measure only 22-29 mm from snout to vent. The species lives in leaf litter and debris on the ground, most often near the coast, and males and females each have their own pattern on the head.

Familie: Sphaerodactylidae

**KERNGEGEVENS**

### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **22-29 mm**<br>kop-romplengte |
| Levensduur | **10-20 jaar** |
| Actief | **Overdag** |
| Levenswijze | **Bodembewonend** |
| Leefgebied | **Droog bos en regenwoud** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **20 × 20 × 30 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren |
| Temperatuur overdag | **24-28 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **29-32 °C** |
| Temperatuur 's nachts | **18-22 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **60-70%** |
| UVB | **Aanbevolen**<br>Fergusonzone 1 |
| Voeding | **Insecten en kleine ongewervelden (springstaarten, fruitvliegen)** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair of in paren** |

### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Legselgrootte | **1 eieren** |
| Incubatie | **80-90 dagen**<br>bij 24-28 °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 keeping *Sphaerodactylus fantasticus*. |
| **TEMPERATUUR** | Keep *Sphaerodactylus fantasticus* at 24-28 °C during the day, and let the temperature fall to 18-22 °C at night. |
| **LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER** | Humidity should be 60-70 %. Mist the enclosure daily, preferably in the morning or evening, so there are droplets on leaves and glass for the animals to drink from. |
| **VERLICHTING EN UVB** | The gecko is diurnal but stays in shade and in the leaf litter. Keep the light on for about 12 hours in summer and 10-11 hours in winter, and keep the night dark. If there are live plants, an LED plant lamp is also needed. |
| **VOEDING** | The animals are insectivores and take only very small prey. Young need springtails, small fruit flies (*Drosophila melanogaster*), newly hatched crickets and small woodlice. |
| **GEDRAG EN OMGANG** | Keep *Sphaerodactylus fantasticus* singly or as a pair. Males must not be put together, because they fight, and in several dwarf geckos females too are incompatible. Separate the animals at signs of fighting. |
| **NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED** | Guadeloupe, Dominica en Montserrat. |