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Giant horned lizard

Phrynosoma asio

Phrynosoma asio is the largest and most slender of the horned lizards. It lives in the dry forests along the Pacific coast of southern Mexico, grows to 12 cm from snout to vent, and has a longer tail and a more lizard-like body than its northern relatives. It is diurnal, eats many kinds of insects and has a long rest period in the dry season.

Familie: Phrynosomatidae Vroegere naam: *Phrynosoma spinimentum*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-12 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**7-13 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 50 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**27-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-42 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-60%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**18-20 °C** 20-26 weken
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**13-16 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**77-84 dagen** bij 30-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Phrynosoma asio*, but adults are relatively easy to keep, because they eat ordinary feeder insects. Temperature and lighting are based on *Phrynosoma cornutum*, which is better known in captivity.
TEMPERATUUR	The species needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The species comes from a climate with a wet summer and a dry winter, and its care should follow that rhythm. Humidity is not documented; 30-60% during the active period is an estimate based on the climate.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB during the active period. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot. The zone is borrowed from *P. cornutum*.
VOEDING	Adult *Phrynosoma asio* eat many kinds of insects willingly and with a big appetite. Give crickets, grasshoppers and locusts in particular, and offer ants regularly.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Phrynosoma asio* is calm and moves in short stretches. It blends into the ground and often lies half-buried.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mexico.