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Desert Spiny Lizard

Sceloporus magister

Sceloporus magister is a robust, spiny lizard from the deserts of the south-western USA and north-western Mexico. It is diurnal, climbs in trees, bushes and on rocks, and feeds on insects. The male has blue patches on the throat and belly. It needs a large, dry enclosure with strong UVB, a very hot basking spot and a cool brumation. The female lays eggs.

Familie: Phrynosomatidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-30 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**5-8 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend, rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 50 × 50 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**27-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-42 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**20-40%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**9-12 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-24 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**4-24 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**60-80 dagen** bij 27-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little specific knowledge exists about the care of *Sceloporus magister*, and it is based on the desert climate and on knowledge of the genus.

TEMPERATUUR

The air should be 27-32 °C by day. The basking spot should have 38-42 °C on the surface, measured with an infrared thermometer.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be low, about 20-40 %. The enclosure must be dry and well ventilated. Provide a shallow dish of fresh water, and change the water daily.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Sceloporus magister is diurnal and basks, so it needs strong UVB. Use a T5 HO tube (Ferguson zone 3) in a reflector over the basking spot.

VOEDING

The species is insectivorous. Give varied live insects: crickets, cockroaches, grasshoppers, mealworms, Zophobas, silkworms and waxworms. The feeder insects must not be larger than the animal's head.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The animal is alert, fast and territorial, and handling stresses it. Keep handling to a minimum, and never grab the tail, because it can break off.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten en Mexico.