herpy

LEGUANEN

## Western fence lizard

# *Sceloporus occidentalis*

*Sceloporus occidentalis* is a small, fast, rough-scaled lizard from the western USA that sits on rocks, trunks and fences in full sun. The male has blue patches on the belly and throat, which he shows off with push-ups. The species reaches about 21 cm, is diurnal and feeds on insects. It needs a strong basking spot, UVB, a spacious enclosure and a tight-fitting lid.

Familie: Phrynosomatidae  Vroegere naam: *Sceloporus longipes; Sceloporus smaragdinus*

**KERNGEGEVENS**

### HET DIER

| | |
|---|---|
| Volwassen grootte | **14-23 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **4-5 jaar** |
| Actief | **Overdag** |
| Levenswijze | **Boombewonend, rotsbewonend en bodembewonend** |
| Leefgebied | **Rotsachtig terrein en gematigd bos en grasland** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

### VERZORGING

| | |
|---|---|
| Min. terrarium | **80 × 40 × 40 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier |
| Temperatuur overdag | **27-28 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **38-42 °C** |
| Temperatuur 's nachts | **18-24 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **30-50%** |
| Water | **Waterbak** |
| UVB | **Onmisbaar**<br>Fergusonzone 3 |
| Winterrust | **8-12 °C**<br>8-12 weken |
| Voeding | **Insecten** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair, in paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes** |

### KWEEK

| | |
|---|---|
| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Geslachtsrijp | **12-24 maanden** |
| Legselgrootte | **3-17 eieren** |
| Legsels per jaar | **1-3** |
| Incubatie | **55-65 dagen**<br>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 is known about the care of *Sceloporus occidentalis* specifically, so care is based on the requirements that the small, sun-loving species in the genus share.

**TEMPERATUUR**

By day the temperature should be 27-28 °C. Directly under a heat lamp there should be a basking spot of 38-42 °C, measured on the surface with an infrared thermometer.

**LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER**

Air humidity should be moderate, about 30-50 %. The species lives in open, sunlit areas and does not tolerate persistent steamy humidity, but the substrate must not be bone dry either.

**VERLICHTING EN UVB**

*Sceloporus occidentalis* is diurnal and sun-loving and needs strong light and UVB all year round. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.

**VOEDING**

*Sceloporus occidentalis* is an insectivore. In the wild it eats crickets, spiders, ticks, scorpions, ants and beetles and now and then takes a smaller lizard.

**GEDRAG EN OMGANG**

*Sceloporus occidentalis* is wary, fast and territorial. The males display with push-ups, head bobs and an inflated body. The species does not become tame and is not suited to handling.

**NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED**

Verenigde Staten en Mexico.