Eastern Tiger Salamander

Ambystoma tigrinum

Ambystoma tigrinum is a stout salamander from the eastern half of the USA, typically 15-20 cm long, with yellow to olive-green blotches on a brown to black background. The larvae live in water, while the adults spend most of their lives in self-dug burrows and emerge at night. Some animals never metamorphose and become sexually mature with their gills retained.

Familie: Ambystomatidae **Mild huidgif**

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-33 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**12-20 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Gematigd bos en grasland**
Huidgif	**Mild** Was je handen na contact en houd je vingers uit de buurt van je ogen en mond
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Larven in het water**
Legplaats	**In het water**
Geslachtsrijp	**5-48 maanden**
Eieren per seizoen	**100-1.000**
Uitkomen	**12-50 dagen**
Larvenperiode	**75-150 dagen** van uitkomen tot metamorfose
Voeding van de larven	**Andere larven en kleine waterongewervelden (watervlooien, muggenlarven)**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**50 × 25 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**18-22 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**80-95%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Insecten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Adults can be kept in many kinds of container. The simplest is a large plastic box with a tight-fitting lid and many small ventilation holes; a glass terrarium with a wire-mesh lid gives a better view.

TEMPERATUUR

Ambystoma tigrinum needs 18-22 °C by day, both as a larva and as an adult, and at night the temperature may fall to 16 °C. The species tolerates cold better than heat.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN

The substrate must be moist, but never wet or muddy, as the animal absorbs water through its skin. Humidity is not documented for the species; 80-95 % is borrowed from *Ambystoma mavortium*.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

Adults do not need a water section: they are poor swimmers and can drown. A shallow, heavy water bowl is not necessary, but it is a good safeguard, because if the substrate becomes too dry the animal seeks out the bowl.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Ambystoma tigrinum is nocturnal and does not need any special lighting. There is no evidence that the species needs UVB, and strong UV light can damage the eyes and skin of amphibians.

VOEDING

Larvae and neotenic animals eat earthworms, compost worms, suitably sized crickets, waxworms and small fish (not goldfish).

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Adults dig and lie hidden for most of the day. They are nocturnal and hunt by ambush. Many animals learn to recognise their keeper and beg for food. Outside the breeding season the species is solitary and does fine alone.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten.