Ouachita Map Turtle

Graptemys ouachitensis

Graptemys ouachitensis is a diurnal, medium-sized freshwater turtle from rivers and lakes in the Mississippi drainage of the USA. The female reaches up to about 26 cm and the male about 18 cm, and the species has a broad yellow mark behind the eye. The species is shy and needs a large, clean, well-oxygenated aquatic enclosure with a basking area and strong UVB, so it suits experienced keepers best.

Familie: Emydidae Vroegere naam: *Graptemys pseudogeographica ouachitensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**9-26 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-30 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**130 × 65 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-80%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 30-40 cm
Watertemperatuur	**22-26 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-84 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**6-16 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-3**
Incubatie	**60-82 dagen** bij 26-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage III**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage C**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Graptemys ouachitensis* specifically.
TEMPERATUUR	The surface of the basking spot should be 30-35 °C, measured with an IR thermometer a couple of hours after the lamps are switched on. Use a halogen lamp in a deep dome with a ceramic fitting, and place it close to the UVB tube.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Air humidity matters little for an aquatic turtle; 50-80% in the room is suitable. What is decisive is the cleanliness of the water: the species is sensitive, and dirty or oxygen-poor water causes fungal infections of the shell.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The water is the animal's living space, so it must be deep, clean, well-oxygenated and warm. The water depth is 30-40 cm for adult animals, and the temperature is 22-26 °C (see Temperature). Deep water gives a shy species security.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	UVB is necessary: the species is diurnal and basks for many hours a day, and zone 3 is suitable.
VOEDING	*Graptemys ouachitensis* is omnivorous and eats only in the water.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Graptemys ouachitensis* is shy and sensitive and dives at the slightest disturbance. It is not an animal to be handled: it is easily stressed and can bite when it feels threatened. Feeding with tongs is the gentlest contact.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten.