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SKINKEN

Algerian orange-tailed skink

Eumeces algeriensis

A large, sturdy skink from Morocco and Algeria with a brown ground colour and pale crossbands with reddish eyespots. *Eumeces algeriensis* burrows into dry soil, needs sun, UVB and a deep substrate, and is often confused with *Eumeces schneiderii*.

Familie: Scincidae Vroegere naam: *Eumeces schneideri algeriensis; Novoeumeces algeriensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-45 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**24-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-45 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**21-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**20-40%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**5-15 eieren**
Incubatie	**40-60 dagen** bij 28-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Eumeces algeriensis lives on the ground and burrows, so floor area and substrate matter most. Two animals need at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height); a single animal can be kept in 90 × 45 × 40 cm.

TEMPERATUUR

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, coolest at one end and warmest near the basking spot.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry: the humidity should stay below 40 %. Mist lightly once a day if the air is very dry, and twice a day when a shed is approaching and the skin looks dull.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. It is placed in Ferguson zone 3; the figure is borrowed from *Eumeces schneiderii*.

VOEDING

Eumeces algeriensis is omnivorous but feeds mainly on insects: crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, waxworms and hornworms, as well as snails and earthworms.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is less sociable than *E. schneiderii*. It can be kept singly, as a pair or as two females, but never two males together. The enclosure needs several hides and basking spots. New animals are often wary.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Marokko en Algerije.

De volledige gids met kaart en updates: herpy.org/en/skinks/eumeces-algeriensis