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SLANGEN

Scarlet kingsnake

Lampropeltis elapsoides

Lampropeltis elapsoides is a small, slender kingsnake from the south-eastern USA with red, black and yellow rings that mimic a venomous coral snake. It is secretive and nocturnal, a skilled escape artist, and in the wild lives almost entirely on small skinks and other slender reptiles. Many animals refuse mice, so the species is one for experienced keepers.

Familie: Colubridae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**40-76 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-29 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**4-12 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**40-65 dagen** bij 27-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Lampropeltis elapsoides*, because the species is rarely kept and bred only to a small extent.
TEMPERATUUR	The species needs a stable, moderate temperature without strong heat sources. By day the temperature should be 24-29 °C, warmest at one end, and at night 20-22 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The enclosure should be humid: 50-70 % relative humidity, measured in the middle of the enclosure. The substrate should be slightly damp but not wet, and ventilation good so that it does not go mouldy.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is nocturnal and shy and does not like bright light. UVB is not necessary, and it is not documented whether the species benefits from it. Lighting in the enclosure should be dim, with plenty of shade and cover.
VOEDING	Food is the most difficult thing about *Lampropeltis elapsoides*. In the wild the species takes almost only skinks and other slender lizards and, to a lesser extent, small snakes.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Lampropeltis elapsoides* is secretive and nervous and most often shows itself at dusk and at night. It is a skilled escape artist, so the lid must always be closed.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten.