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Arizona Mountain Kingsnake

Lampropeltis pyromelana

Lampropeltis pyromelana is a slender kingsnake from the mountains of the south-western USA, known for its red, black and white bands and its white snout. It reaches 50-100 cm, is fast and diurnal, and is kept dry and cool with a brumation. In the wild the species feeds mainly on lizards and can live 15-20 years.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Ophibolus pyromelanus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**50-100 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Bergbos en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**28-30 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-50%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Winterrust	**10-13 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3-9 eieren**
Incubatie	**55-70 dagen** bij 26-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
An adult needs at least 90 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height). The species is active, climbs on rocks and branches and uses the full height, so a taller enclosure is an advantage.

TEMPERATUUR
The species comes from cooler mountain regions and does not tolerate the high temperatures used for many other kingsnakes.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
The species comes from a dry area and manages with a humidity of 40-50 %, and brief peaks up to 60 % are of no consequence. Prolonged high humidity causes skin problems and respiratory infections.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is most active in the morning and late afternoon but stays close to its hiding places. UVB is not necessary, but weak UVB lighting over part of the enclosure is beneficial and provides a natural day rhythm.

VOEDING
In the wild, lizards are the main food, and the snake also takes snakes, small rodents, bats and birds. In captivity most animals eat frozen-thawed mice, which is the safest diet.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Lampropeltis pyromelana is fast and lively and suits a keeper with experience of other snakes best. Juveniles can be nervous and release musk or nip, but many become calm with regular, short handling.

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