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Centralian Carpet Python

Morelia bredli

Morelia bredli is a stout, partly arboreal python from Australia's red centre around Alice Springs. Adults are reddish brown to terracotta with dark-edged crossbands and grow to 180-220 cm, while the hatchlings are grey and brown and change colour over two to four years. It needs a clear, cool winter, dry air and plenty of room to climb, and it can live for 20-30 years.

Familie: Pythonidae Vroegere naam: *Python bredli; Morelia spilota bredli*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**180-220 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en rotsbewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn, savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**150 × 70 × 100 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**28-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**34-38 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-55%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**18-23 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**20-47 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**55-65 dagen** bij 30-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult *Morelia bredli* needs a terrarium of at least 150 × 70 × 100 cm (length × width × height). Large females over 200 cm need more, for example 180 × 80 × 100 cm, and larger is always better if the set-up is good.

TEMPERATUUR

Temperature control is the most important part of caring for *Morelia bredli*, because the species has a distinct summer and winter.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity must be low: 40-55 % all year. This is deliberately lower than for most forms of *Morelia spilota*, because the species comes from a dry area with fresh air.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is most active at dusk and at night, but basks now and then during the day, and in the wild it is exposed to strong sunlight.

VOEDING

Morelia bredli eats whole prey. Use frozen and thawed mice and rats, not live animals, and warm them to about 38 °C. The prey should be as thick as the snake at its thickest point in the middle of the body.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Adult *Morelia bredli* are calm and safe animals that tolerate handling well, while young under two years are nervous and bite readily. This passes with age. Leave a new snake in peace for two weeks.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

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