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Baird's Ratsnake

Pantherophis bairdi

Pantherophis bairdi is a slender and elegant ratsnake from the dry, rocky regions of western and central Texas and north-eastern Mexico. It is orange-yellow to yellow with four dark stripes along the body, grows to 65-140 cm and climbs both in shrubs and among rocks. It is hardy, feeds willingly and is also suitable for beginners.

Familie: Colubridae Vroegere naam: *Elaphe bairdi; Coluber bairdi*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**65-140 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**12-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag, in de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend, rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-21 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**17-22 °C** 10-11 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-60 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**5-10 eieren**
Incubatie	**60-65 dagen** bij 28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Only limited knowledge exists on the care of *Pantherophis bairdi* itself. It is kept like the closely related *Pantherophis guttatus* and *Pantherophis obsoletus*, which have almost the same requirements.

TEMPERATUUR

There must be a distinct temperature gradient, so that the snake can choose for itself. By day the terrarium should be 24-27 °C, down to 22 °C in the cool end, and the basking spot should be 30-32 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be 40-60 %. The figure is borrowed from the close relative *Pantherophis guttatus*, as there are no measured figures for the species itself.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Pantherophis bairdi needs a distinct day and night. The light is on for about 12 hours a day and preferably follows the seasons, controlled by a timer. Night light is unnecessary and can disturb the daily rhythm.

VOEDING

Pantherophis bairdi eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Mice are the most used food, and larger animals get small rats. Day-old chicks, quail and quail eggs give variety.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Pantherophis bairdi is curious, active and a skilled climber. Young animals are quick and can be nervous and defensive: they may whip the tail, snap and release foul-smelling secretion.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten en Mexico.