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ANGUÍDEOS

Iberian Worm Lizard

Blanus cinereus

Blanus cinereus is a limbless worm lizard from the Iberian Peninsula that lives its whole life underground, in loose, humus-rich soil and under stones. The animal is 15-25 cm from snout to vent and has a ringed body, a rounded snout and almost blind eyes. The species lays 1-2 eggs a year and needs a deep, slightly damp substrate, even warmth from below and peace. Little is known about its care.

Família: Blanidae Nome anterior: *Amphisbaena cinerea; Blanus mariae*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-25 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Escavador**
Habitat	**Bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**40 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**20-24 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**15-20 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-3 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**60-90 dias** a 22-26 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Blanus cinereus*.
TEMPERATURA	The animals warm themselves by lying buried in heated soil, not in the heat of a lamp. The substrate should be 20-24 °C by day, slightly warmer at one end than at the other.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	It is the humidity of the substrate that counts, not that of the air. The substrate should be slightly to moderately damp, not wet: it should hold its shape when squeezed in the hand, without sticking or dripping.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The animals lie buried and are not seen in the light. UVB is not necessary.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Blanus cinereus* eats insects and insect larvae. Mealworm pupae and larvae and small, freshly killed crickets, dusted with a multivitamin powder, are suitable food. Place food under the tile three times a week.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Blanus cinereus* is rarely seen. The animals lie buried and come out only under the tile. This is normal. Do not dig for the animals to check on them: stress makes them move less and use a smaller area.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Espanha, Portugal e Gibraltar.