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ESCINCÍDEOS

Algerian orange-tailed skink

Eumeces algeriensis

A large, sturdy skink from Morocco and Algeria with a brown ground colour and pale crossbands with reddish eyespots. *Eumeces algeriensis* burrows into dry soil, needs sun, UVB and a deep substrate, and is often confused with *Eumeces schneiderii*.

Família: Scincidae Nome anterior: *Eumeces schneideri algeriensis; Novoeumeces algeriensis*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**30-45 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-45 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-24 °C**
Umidade	**20-40%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, plantas e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**5-15 ovos**
Incubação	**40-60 dias** a 28-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

Eumeces algeriensis lives on the ground and burrows, so floor area and substrate matter most. Two animals need at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height); a single animal can be kept in 90 × 45 × 40 cm.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, coolest at one end and warmest near the basking spot.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry: the humidity should stay below 40 %. Mist lightly once a day if the air is very dry, and twice a day when a shed is approaching and the skin looks dull.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

The species is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. It is placed in Ferguson zone 3; the figure is borrowed from *Eumeces schneiderii*.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Eumeces algeriensis is omnivorous but feeds mainly on insects: crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, waxworms and hornworms, as well as snails and earthworms.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

The species is less sociable than *E. schneiderii*. It can be kept singly, as a pair or as two females, but never two males together. The enclosure needs several hides and basking spots. New animals are often wary.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Marrocos e Argélia.