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Western banded gecko

Coleonyx variegatus

A small, slender desert gecko from the south-western USA and north-western Mexico, with silky-soft skin, movable eyelids and bands of yellow and brown. It reaches only 10-15 cm, swings its tail up over its back like a scorpion when hunting, and needs a warm, dry terrarium with a single humid hide.

Família: Eublepharidae Nome anterior: *Stenodactylus variegatus; Eublepharis variegatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**10-15 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-15 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Rupícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Deserto, semideserto e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**40 × 30 × 25 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-34 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-3**
Incubação	**40-50 dias** a 27-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	The species stays mostly on the ground, so the floor area matters more than the height.
TEMPERATURA	The species tolerates large fluctuations, but needs a clear gradient so that it can choose for itself. Keep 24-28 °C in the enclosure during the day and a warm area of 30-34 °C. Start at 30-32 °C rather than at the upper limit.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species comes from regions with very little rain and loses only a little water through the skin.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is strictly nocturnal and spends the day in hiding. UVB is not necessary when the insects are dusted with calcium and vitamin D3, and it is not recommended for the desert-dwelling *Coleonyx* species.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The gecko feeds on live insects. Medium-sized mealworms can be the staple, and crickets, wax moth larvae and small cockroaches give variety.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The gecko is shy and fast, especially wild-caught animals, and easily sheds its tail if it feels threatened. It is mostly an animal to watch. In the evening it comes out and hunts with the tail curled up over its back.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e México.