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Variable fat-tailed gecko

Diplodactylus conspicillatus

Diplodactylus conspicillatus is a small, sturdily built desert gecko from inland Australia with a broad, flat tail and a distinct dark stripe from the snout to the eye. It is nocturnal, hides in holes in the ground during the day and in the wild feeds almost exclusively on termites, which makes feeding a challenge.

Família: Diplodactylidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**6-7 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-8 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**40 × 30 × 25 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**22-26 °C**
Ponto quente	**28-30 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-20 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-18 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**59-65 dias** a 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	The care of *Diplodactylus conspicillatus* is similar to that of the other ground-dwelling species in the genus, for example *Diplodactylus galeatus* and *Diplodactylus vittatus*; only the food is different.
TEMPERATURA	The terrarium must have a warm side and a cool side. A heat mat or heat tape under one end, controlled by a thermostat, should give 28-30 °C on part of the floor. The rest is kept at 22-26 °C during the day.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	*Diplodactylus conspicillatus* comes from dry regions and does not need high humidity. Ordinary room air at 30-50 % is enough. A shallow dish of fresh water at the cool end is fine.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Diplodactylus conspicillatus* is nocturnal and needs no UVB or other special lighting, so UVB is optional. Let the daylight in the room set the daily rhythm, or use a timer of 10-12 hours in summer and shorter days in winter.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Diplodactylus conspicillatus* is a termite specialist, and that makes the food the biggest challenge. Live termites are the best food and are eaten greedily.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Diplodactylus conspicillatus* is quiet and withdrawn. During the day it sleeps in its hide and becomes active when the lights go out. Handling is unnecessary and should be rare and brief.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.