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Kimberley rough knob-tailed gecko

Nephrurus sheai

A large, stocky knob-tailed gecko from Australia's northern rocky country in the Kimberley and the Top End, with spiny skin, distinctly banded toes and a small knob at the end of the tail. It is nocturnal, feeds on insects and is only sparsely described in captivity, so the guide is based on the close relative *Nephrurus amyae*.

Família: Carphodactylidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**9-12 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Rupícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 45 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-23 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-4**
Incubação	**80-100 dias** a 27-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice III**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo C**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Nephrurus sheai*. The dimensions and climate are borrowed from the close relative *Nephrurus amyae*, which is far better known in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	Keep the terrarium at 24-28 °C by day with a warm spot of 30-32 °C, for example with a heat mat under one end, so that the animal can choose for itself. At night the temperature may fall to 20-23 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity is 30-50 %, and most of the terrarium is dry. Mist lightly once or twice a week in the evening, so that the gecko can lick droplets from stones and furnishings. A low, stable water bowl does no harm.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The gecko is nocturnal and sees little of the light. A weak UVB light can make the animals more active and give more reliable calcium metabolism, but they also manage without it when the food supplies vitamin D3.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species is an insectivore. In the wild, knob-tailed geckos take everything from ants and spiders to cockroaches, crickets, scorpions, larvae and beetles and even smaller geckos and skinks.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	Knob-tailed geckos tolerate handling, but are not as calm as many other geckos. Pick the animal up rarely and briefly, and sit low, because it is no climber and can fall. Never grab the tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.