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Wheeler's knob-tailed gecko

Nephrurus wheeleri

Nephrurus wheeleri is a small, sturdily built ground gecko from the arid interior of Western Australia with a reddish-brown body, pale crossbands and a tail ending in a round knob. It is nocturnal, feeds on insects and needs a dry sand-based enclosure with a humid hide. An interesting species for anyone who wants to move on from *Eublepharis macularius*.

Família: Carphodactylidae Nome anterior: *Nephrurus wheeleri wheeleri*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**8-10 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 45 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**15-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-40%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-6**
Incubação	**60-90 dias** a 29-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 45 × 30 cm (length × width × height). Height matters little for a ground-dwelling species; floor area does.
TEMPERATURA	The species needs a clear difference between a warm end and a cool end. Keep the background at 22-27 °C by day and a warm spot in one end at 30-35 °C. At night the temperature may drop to 15-22 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry, at a humidity of 30-40 %. Mist once or twice a week, no more, and make sure the ventilation is good enough that surfaces are dry again after a few hours.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and does not need bright light.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species lives exclusively on insects and other small arthropods. Offer crickets or small roaches as the staple and now and then soldier fly larvae, mealworms or waxworms as a treat.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The animal is calm and tolerates brief handling, but it rarely becomes as tame as *Eublepharis macularius*, and too much handling stresses it.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.