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Southern leaf-tailed gecko

Phyllurus platurus

Phyllurus platurus is a brown, marbled, nocturnal leaf-tailed gecko from the sandstone cliffs around Sydney. The broad, leaf-shaped tail and the camouflage make it vanish against rock and bark. It reaches only about 15 cm, is calm to keep and needs a cold winter rest in order to breed.

Família: Carphodactylidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e rupícola**
Habitat	**Terreno rochoso e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**50 × 50 × 50 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**22-26 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**19-21 °C**
Umidade	**55-100%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Repouso de inverno	**10-16 °C** 9-13 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Em casal ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-4**
Incubação	**56-110 dias** a 21-22 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	A pair of adults can be kept in an enclosure of about 50 × 50 × 50 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is better.
TEMPERATURA	*Phyllurus platurus* thrives at ordinary room temperature. By day the temperature should be 22-26 °C, and at night it may fall to about 19-21 °C. There is no documented need for a warm hotspot. Winter is important for breeding.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Mist the enclosure every evening with lukewarm water. Right after misting the humidity is close to 100 %, but between mistings it should fall to about 55-60 %, so that the enclosure can dry out.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	There are no documented UVB requirements for the species. It is nocturnal and hides in crevices by day, so it receives only little light in the wild.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Phyllurus platurus* takes live insects. The hunting strategy is ambush, so the prey must move. Crickets can be used as a staple diet; in the wild it is spiders, moths, beetles and cockroaches.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is quiet and steadfast and often sits motionless and well camouflaged. It is not an animal to be handled much. Never grab the tail, because it is dropped, and the new tail becomes smoother and less characteristic.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.