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GECKOS

Gargoyle gecko

Rhacodactylus auriculatus

A sturdy, calm climber from the scrub of New Caledonia, with bumps on the back of the head like a little Gothic gargoyle and a tail that can grip the branches. It tolerates room temperature, lives on prepared diet and insects, and is a good choice for anyone who wants a robust gecko with a bit more weight and personality.

Família: Diplodactylidae Nome anterior: *Platydactylus auriculatus; Ceratolophus hexaceros*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**18-23 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**35-70 g**
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-80%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas e ração completa**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**15-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**2 ovos**
Incubação	**60-90 dias** a 22-27 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

An adult needs an enclosure of at least 45 × 45 × 60 cm (length × width × height). 60 × 60 × 60 cm is a good size, and because *Rhacodactylus auriculatus* comes down to the ground more often than *Correlophus ciliatus*, extra floor area is worth more than extra height.

TEMPERATURA

During the day the enclosure should be 22-27 °C, and a small area at the top may reach 26-28 °C. At night the temperature should fall to 18-22 °C, and in winter the animal tolerates nights down to 16-18 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

The humidity should fluctuate between about 50 and 80%. Mist the enclosure in the evening so that the humidity rises to 70-80%, and let it fall to around 50-60% during the day so the substrate can dry out.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

The species is active at dusk and at night and can manage without UVB when the diet contains vitamin D3.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

The staple diet is a prepared powdered diet for fruit-eating geckos, mixed with water into a thick paste. Brands such as Repashy and Pangea are developed for this group of geckos and contain fruit, protein, calcium and vitamins.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Rhacodactylus auriculatus is calm and can become quite tame, and most animals tolerate being handled well. Keep sessions short, 5-10 minutes a couple of times a week, and give new animals a couple of weeks in peace to settle in.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Nova Caledônia.