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Northern leaf-tailed gecko

Saltuarius cornutus

Saltuarius cornutus is a large, nocturnal leaf-tailed gecko from the rainforests of north-eastern Queensland in Australia. The skin resembles lichen-covered bark and is studded with pointed tubercles, the tail is broad and leaf-shaped, and the toes have claws instead of adhesive lamellae. It needs cool conditions and is a species for the experienced keeper.

Família: Carphodactylidae Nome anterior: *Phyllurus cornutus; Gymnodactylus cornutus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**14 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 80 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**20-24 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**15-19 °C**
Umidade	**55-100%**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Repouso de inverno	**10-16 °C** 8-13 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-48 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-4**
Incubação	**90-110 dias** a 21-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	A pair of *Saltuarius cornutus* needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 40 × 80 cm (length × width × height), and preferably larger, because the animal is large and lives on trunks.
TEMPERATURA	The species comes from cool mountain forest. Keep the enclosure at 20-24 °C by day and 15-19 °C by night. Heat is the greatest danger. Prolonged heat in the high 30s is fatal to the genus, and *S. cornutus* probably tolerates less.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The humidity must fluctuate. Mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, at least three times a week, so the humidity rises towards 100 %, and let it fall to about 55-60 % between mistings, so bark and substrate can dry out.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and lives hidden by day, so UVB is not necessary for *Saltuarius cornutus*, but a weak light during the day with a fixed daily rhythm is natural.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species eats large arthropods such as cockroaches, woodlice and spiders, and in captivity ordinary feeder insects such as crickets and cockroaches work.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Saltuarius cornutus* is a calm, secretive and nocturnal species, which sits still on bark during the day. It is not an animal to be handled, and it can become stressed when picked up.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.