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Southern leaf-tailed gecko

Saltuarius swaini

Saltuarius swaini is a large, nocturnal leaf-tailed gecko from the rainforests of the coastal mountains of south-eastern Queensland and northern New South Wales in Australia. The skin resembles lichen-covered bark, the tail is broad and leaf-shaped, and the toes have claws instead of adhesive lamellae. The species is almost unknown in terrariums and must be kept cool.

Família: Carphodactylidae Nome anterior: *Phyllurus swaini*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**13 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 80 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**22-26 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**19-21 °C**
Umidade	**55-100%**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Repouso de inverno	**10-16 °C** 9-13 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**24-48 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-3**
Incubação	**90-110 dias** a 22-26 °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 keeping *Saltuarius swaini*. The figures are borrowed from *Saltuarius salebrosus*, *Saltuarius cornutus* and *Phyllurus platurus*, which live in similar forest and are better known in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 22-26 °C and at night 19-21 °C. The species comes from cool mountain forest, so stay at the low end of the range. Heat is the greatest danger.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should fluctuate.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and hidden by day, so UVB is not necessary for *Saltuarius swaini*. A weak light during the day with a fixed daily rhythm is natural.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species feeds on arthropods, and in terrariums ordinary feeder insects such as crickets and cockroaches work. Hunting is by ambush, so the prey must move.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Saltuarius swaini* is a calm, secretive and nocturnal species that sits still against bark by day. It is not an animal to be handled, and it is easily stressed by being picked up.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.