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South-western spiny-tailed gecko

Strophurus spinigerus

Strophurus spinigerus is a small spiny-tailed gecko from south-western Australia. It is olive-grey with two rows of black spines on the tail and often a broad, jagged black stripe down the back. It climbs in bushes and trees at night and can squirt a sticky, foul-smelling fluid from the tail when it is startled.

Família: Diplodactylidae Nome anterior: *Diplodactylus spinigerus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**9-11 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**6-10 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**30 × 30 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**25-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-25 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-6**
Incubação	**45-60 dias** a 27-30 °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 *Strophurus spinigerus*.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 25-30 °C, and on a branch high up there should be a basking spot of 30-32 °C. At night the heat is switched off, and the temperature may fall to 18-25 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be moderate, about 40-60 %, and the terrarium should dry out completely during the day.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species basks in the wild among the thin branches, so UVB is an advantage.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild the genus feeds on arthropods: spiders, cockroaches, crickets, beetles, termites and their larvae. In the terrarium small crickets, cockroaches, moths, flies and wax moth larvae suit.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Strophurus spinigerus* is an animal to look at, and it should not be handled more than strictly necessary. It can squirt its sticky, foul-smelling fluid and can lose its tail, so never grab the tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.