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Round-tailed Horned Lizard

Phrynosoma modestum

Phrynosoma modestum is one of the smallest horned lizards: a short, round, grey or brown lizard of up to 7 cm from snout to vent, living on rocky, dry terrain in the south-western USA and northern Mexico. It feeds mainly on ants, and the diet in particular makes the species extremely difficult to keep in captivity. Its care is almost undocumented.

Família: Phrynosomatidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**7 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**7-9 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**80 × 40 × 35 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**27-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**20-40%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**6-19 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**40-61 dias** a 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Very little is known about the care of *Phrynosoma modestum*. The care advice is therefore based on its habitat (dry, rocky terrain with strong sun) and on the closely related and better-known *Phrynosoma cornutum*.
TEMPERATURA	The species is a sun lover and needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be low, 20-40 %, and the enclosure should dry out completely during the day. The substrate must not be wet. The figure is borrowed from *Phrynosoma cornutum*. The species hardly drinks from a bowl.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and spends the day in open sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB all year. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14 %) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp above the basking spot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	Food is the decisive limitation, and it is what makes the species an animal for experts. In the wild, ants are the staple food, especially harvester ants and honeypot ants, supplemented with termites, beetles and larvae.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Phrynosoma modestum* is quiet and calm and lives alone. It makes little fuss and is easy to overlook, because it blends into the ground. It is easily stressed, and if caught it inflates itself and jabs with its horns.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e México.