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Western fence lizard

Sceloporus occidentalis

Sceloporus occidentalis is a small, fast, rough-scaled lizard from the western USA that sits on rocks, trunks and fences in full sun. The male has blue patches on the belly and throat, which he shows off with push-ups. The species reaches about 21 cm, is diurnal and feeds on insects. It needs a strong basking spot, UVB, a spacious enclosure and a tight-fitting lid.

Família: Phrynosomatidae Nome anterior: *Sceloporus longipes; Sceloporus smaragdinus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**14-23 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**4-5 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola, rupícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Terreno rochoso e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**80 × 40 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**27-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**8-12 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-24 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**3-17 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-3**
Incubação	**55-65 dias** a 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Sceloporus occidentalis* specifically, so care is based on the requirements that the small, sun-loving species in the genus share.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 27-28 °C. Directly under a heat lamp there should be a basking spot of 38-42 °C, measured on the surface with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Air humidity should be moderate, about 30-50 %. The species lives in open, sunlit areas and does not tolerate persistent steamy humidity, but the substrate must not be bone dry either.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Sceloporus occidentalis* is diurnal and sun-loving and needs strong light and UVB all year round. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Sceloporus occidentalis* is an insectivore. In the wild it eats crickets, spiders, ticks, scorpions, ants and beetles and now and then takes a smaller lizard.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Sceloporus occidentalis* is wary, fast and territorial. The males display with push-ups, head bobs and an inflated body. The species does not become tame and is not suited to handling.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e México.