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SALAMANDRAS E TRITÕES

Eastern Tiger Salamander

Ambystoma tigrinum

Ambystoma tigrinum is a stout salamander from the eastern half of the USA, typically 15-20 cm long, with yellow to olive-green blotches on a brown to black background. The larvae live in water, while the adults spend most of their lives in self-dug burrows and emerge at night. Some animals never metamorphose and become sexually mature with their gills retained.

Família: Ambystomatidae

Toxinas leves na pele

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-33 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**12-20 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Bosque e prado temperados**
Toxinas na pele	**Leves** Lave as mãos após o contato e mantenha os dedos longe dos olhos e da boca
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**50 × 25 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**18-22 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-22 °C**
Umidade	**80-95%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Insetos, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Larvas na água**
Local de postura	**Na água**
Maturidade sexual	**5-48 meses**
Ovos por temporada	**100-1.000**
Eclosão	**12-50 dias**
Fase larval	**75-150 dias** da eclosão até a metamorfose
Alimentação das larvas	**Outros larvas e pequenos invertebrados aquáticos (dáfnias, larvas de mosquito)**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Adults can be kept in many kinds of container. The simplest is a large plastic box with a tight-fitting lid and many small ventilation holes; a glass terrarium with a wire-mesh lid gives a better view.
TEMPERATURA	*Ambystoma tigrinum* needs 18-22 °C by day, both as a larva and as an adult, and at night the temperature may fall to 16 °C. The species tolerates cold better than heat.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	The substrate must be moist, but never wet or muddy, as the animal absorbs water through its skin. Humidity is not documented for the species; 80-95 % is borrowed from *Ambystoma mavortium*.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Adults do not need a water section: they are poor swimmers and can drown. A shallow, heavy water bowl is not necessary, but it is a good safeguard, because if the substrate becomes too dry the animal seeks out the bowl.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Ambystoma tigrinum* is nocturnal and does not need any special lighting. There is no evidence that the species needs UVB, and strong UV light can damage the eyes and skin of amphibians.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	Larvae and neotenic animals eat earthworms, compost worms, suitably sized crickets, waxworms and small fish (not goldfish).
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	Adults dig and lie hidden for most of the day. They are nocturnal and hunt by ambush. Many animals learn to recognise their keeper and beg for food. Outside the breeding season the species is solitary and does fine alone.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos.