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COBRAS

Black Kingsnake

Lampropeltis nigra

Lampropeltis nigra is a medium-sized to large kingsnake from the eastern USA, black, and in the southern part of its range each scale has a small yellow or white spot. It reaches 90-120 cm, eats rodents, lizards, frogs and other snakes, and is robust and easy to keep. It is kept singly in a terrestrial enclosure with a basking spot and moderate humidity and can live for over 20 years.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Lampropeltis getula nigra; Ophibolus getulus niger*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**90-120 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-25 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Área úmida e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**21-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**5-15 ovos**
Incubação	**60-70 dias** a 26-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	There is little species-specific knowledge about the care of *Lampropeltis nigra*.
TEMPERATURA	The animal regulates its temperature by moving between warm and cool spots, so the enclosure must have a clear gradient.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 40-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. It is higher in the cool end and at night and lower in the warm end, and that is normal. Clammy air must be avoided.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is most active by day and basks in the wild. It can manage without UVB, but UVB is recommended for the best welfare. This corresponds to Ferguson zone 2.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*L. nigra* is carnivorous and needs whole prey. Mice are the standard food, and as the animal grows, young rats are used.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*L. nigra* is robust and tolerant. Give a new animal about 2 weeks in peace, and begin handling only when it eats regularly.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos.