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COBRAS

Centralian Carpet Python

Morelia bredli

Morelia bredli is a stout, partly arboreal python from Australia's red centre around Alice Springs. Adults are reddish brown to terracotta with dark-edged crossbands and grow to 180-220 cm, while the hatchlings are grey and brown and change colour over two to four years. It needs a clear, cool winter, dry air and plenty of room to climb, and it can live for 20-30 years.

Família: Pythonidae Nome anterior: *Python bredli; Morelia spilota bredli*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**180-220 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-30 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e rupícola**
Habitat	**Semideserto, savana e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**150 × 70 × 100 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**28-32 °C**
Ponto quente	**34-38 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**40-55%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**18-23 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-36 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**20-47 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**55-65 dias** a 30-32 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

An adult *Morelia bredli* needs a terrarium of at least 150 × 70 × 100 cm (length × width × height). Large females over 200 cm need more, for example 180 × 80 × 100 cm, and larger is always better if the set-up is good.

TEMPERATURA

Temperature control is the most important part of caring for *Morelia bredli*, because the species has a distinct summer and winter.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Humidity must be low: 40-55 % all year. This is deliberately lower than for most forms of *Morelia spilota*, because the species comes from a dry area with fresh air.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

The species is most active at dusk and at night, but basks now and then during the day, and in the wild it is exposed to strong sunlight.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Morelia bredli eats whole prey. Use frozen and thawed mice and rats, not live animals, and warm them to about 38 °C. The prey should be as thick as the snake at its thickest point in the middle of the body.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Adult *Morelia bredli* are calm and safe animals that tolerate handling well, while young under two years are nervous and bite readily. This passes with age. Leave a new snake in peace for two weeks.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Austrália.