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Baird's Ratsnake

Pantherophis bairdi

Pantherophis bairdi is a slender and elegant ratsnake from the dry, rocky regions of western and central Texas and north-eastern Mexico. It is orange-yellow to yellow with four dark stripes along the body, grows to 65-140 cm and climbs both in shrubs and among rocks. It is hardy, feeds willingly and is also suitable for beginners.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Elaphe bairdi; Coluber bairdi*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**65-140 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**12-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia, ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola, rupícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-21 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**17-22 °C** 10-11 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**24-60 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**5-10 ovos**
Incubação	**60-65 dias** a 28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Only limited knowledge exists on the care of *Pantherophis bairdi* itself. It is kept like the closely related *Pantherophis guttatus* and *Pantherophis obsoletus*, which have almost the same requirements.
TEMPERATURA	There must be a distinct temperature gradient, so that the snake can choose for itself. By day the terrarium should be 24-27 °C, down to 22 °C in the cool end, and the basking spot should be 30-32 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 40-60 %. The figure is borrowed from the close relative *Pantherophis guttatus*, as there are no measured figures for the species itself.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Pantherophis bairdi* needs a distinct day and night. The light is on for about 12 hours a day and preferably follows the seasons, controlled by a timer. Night light is unnecessary and can disturb the daily rhythm.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Pantherophis bairdi* eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Mice are the most used food, and larger animals get small rats. Day-old chicks, quail and quail eggs give variety.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Pantherophis bairdi* is curious, active and a skilled climber. Young animals are quick and can be nervous and defensive: they may whip the tail, snap and release foul-smelling secretion.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e México.