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COBRAS

Western Ratsnake

Pantherophis obsoletus

Pantherophis obsoletus is a large, slender and agile snake from the central USA. In the north adults are glossy black with a white chin and throat, further south often brown, grey or yellowish with dark blotches. It reaches 110-180 cm, climbs and swims well and is more defensive than *Pantherophis guttatus*. It needs a large enclosure, but is otherwise hardy and feeds willingly.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Elaphe obsoleta; Pantherophis obsoletus lindheimeri*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**110-180 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia, ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-25 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**10-15 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**36-84 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**12-20 ovos**
Incubação	**65-70 dias** a 27-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult *Pantherophis obsoletus* needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height). The species is active and climbs, so height and climbing opportunities are important. Bigger is always better.
TEMPERATURA	There must be a clear gradient so the snake can choose for itself. The basking spot under the heat source should be 29-32 °C, and the cool end 22-25 °C. At night the temperature may fall to 18-22 °C, and the heat is switched off.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 50-70 %, lowest during the day and highest at night. Mist as needed, and put moist sphagnum in the hide in the cool end.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Pantherophis obsoletus* is active both day and night and needs a clear daily rhythm with strong daylight. The light is on for about 12 hours a day, controlled by a timer.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Pantherophis obsoletus* eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Young snakes get mice, and in time they move on to rats. Quail eggs, quail chicks and small chicks can add variety.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Pantherophis obsoletus* is more defensive than most colubrids. It gapes, vibrates its tail against the substrate so that it rattles, and can strike without hesitation. Some animals also release a foul-smelling fluid.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos.