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Eastern Pinesnake

Pituophis melanoleucus

Pituophis melanoleucus is a stout, diurnal, burrowing snake from the south-eastern USA, where it lives in sandy pine woods and open scrub. It grows to 120-210 cm, is pale with dark blotches and has a pointed snout built for digging. When threatened it hisses loudly and vibrates its tail like a rattlesnake. It is hardy and feeds willingly, but it is large and strong and a skilled escape artist.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Coluber melanoleucus; Pityophis melanoleucus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**120-210 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Savana e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-34 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**36-48 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**3-24 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**64-79 dias** a 26-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Relatively little care knowledge exists on *Pituophis melanoleucus* itself, because animals in the trade are often sold under other names.
TEMPERATURA	By day the terrarium should be 24-29 °C with a warm zone of 30-34 °C under the heat source and a cool end down towards 24 °C, so that the snake can choose for itself, especially after a meal.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 30-50 %. *Pituophis melanoleucus* comes from dry, sandy habitats, and the substrate must be kept dry. Provide a heavy water bowl with fresh water that cannot tip over, and change the water regularly.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Pituophis melanoleucus* is diurnal, but rarely basks and does not need UVB light to stay healthy. An ordinary day-night rhythm of about 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness controlled by a timer is enough.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Pituophis melanoleucus* lives on rodents, and in captivity it is given frozen and thawed mice and rats. Chicks and quail can give variety. Do not give live rodents, which can bite the snake.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Pituophis melanoleucus* has a dramatic defence. When threatened it hisses very loudly, amplified by a cartilage flap in front of the windpipe, vibrates its tail, flattens the head and strikes in a sweeping movement.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos.