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Western Box Turtle

Terrapene ornata

Terrapene ornata is a small, terrestrial box turtle from the prairies of the central USA. The shell is dark with yellow radiating lines, and the plastron is hinged, so the animal can close itself completely inside. The species is diurnal, omnivorous, lively and long-lived, and it needs a dry, warm, well-drained substrate, strong light with UVB, plenty of space and preferably an outdoor enclosure in summer.

Família: Emydidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**10-15 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**200-540 g**
Longevidade	**30-40 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**21-25 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-20 °C**
Umidade	**30-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água** profundidade 2-4 cm
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**5-8 °C** 8-16 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas, ração completa, plantas e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**60-96 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-8 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**50-90 dias** a 26-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Quase ameaçado (NT)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	*Terrapene ornata* does best outdoors in a large, secure enclosure with well-drained soil. Choose a sunny spot with no standing water, with both sun and shade throughout the day.
TEMPERATURA	Indoors there should be a basking spot of 32-35 °C and a cool zone of 21-25 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	*T. ornata* tolerates drier air than other box turtles. Adults do well at an average humidity of 30-60 %, while young need 60-70 % so that they do not dry out. Measure with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*T. ornata* is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB to produce vitamin D3. Use a 6 % T5 HO UVB tube in a reflector fitting over the warm end, so that it overlaps with the heat lamps.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*T. ornata* is omnivorous. Young animals are mainly carnivorous, and adults eat more plant matter, but the species is still more carnivorous than other box turtles.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*T. ornata* is active, alert and curious and sets off exploring as soon as it is put down. It is more inclined to bite than other box turtles if it feels threatened.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e México.