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VARANOS

## Line-tailed Pygmy Monitor

# *Varanus caudolineatus*

*Varanus caudolineatus* is one of the smallest monitors in the world: a diurnal, semi-arboreal pygmy monitor of 25-32 cm from the dry scrubland of Western Australia. It lives in crevices under loose bark and in hollow trees, feeds on insects and small lizards and is rare in captivity. The species has been bred in captivity, but husbandry knowledge is sparse, and part of the guidance is based on related pygmy monitors.

Família: Varanidae

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **25-32 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **8-12 anos** |
| Ativo | **De dia** |
| Estilo de vida | **Arborícola** |
| Habitat | **Semideserto** |
| Dificuldade | **Experiente** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **80 × 50 × 100 cm**<br>C × L × A para 2 adultos |
| Temperatura, dia | **28-34 °C** |
| Ponto quente | **45-55 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **20-24 °C** |
| Umidade | **30-60%** |
| Água | **Recipiente de água** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona de Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentação | **Insetos** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho ou em casal** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Tamanho da postura | **3-6 ovos** |
| Posturas por ano | **2-4** |
| Incubação | **77 dias**<br>a 29-31 °C |

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | One animal or a pair needs an enclosure of at least 80 × 50 × 100 cm (length × width × height), and height is more important than floor area, because the species lives on trunks and under bark. Larger is better. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | *Varanus caudolineatus* is active when the air is 30-45 °C, so the enclosure must allow high temperatures. Background by day: 28-34 °C. |
| **UMIDADE E ÁGUA** | *Varanus caudolineatus* comes from dry regions in Western Australia, and the humidity in the enclosure should be about 30-60 %, with a moister corner at the bottom of the substrate and drier air at the basking spot. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | *Varanus caudolineatus* is diurnal and basks in the heat, so it does best with strong light and UVB. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | In the wild *Varanus caudolineatus* lives mostly on arthropods: cockroaches, grasshoppers and other insects, spiders and scorpions, and more rarely centipedes, beetles, cicadas and moths. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *Varanus caudolineatus* is so small that bites and claws are unlikely to cause serious injury, but the animal can both bite and scratch, so handling should be calm and brief. Tail whipping is hardly a problem at this size. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | Austrália. |