



Collared Tree Runner

Plica plica

Care Sheet

Average Size

15 - 17 inches long

Average Lifespan

8 - 10 years

Diet

Collared Tree Runners are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, superworms, and cockroaches.

Feeding

Feed babies and adults daily, although some keepers will feed adults every other day. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes. Worms can be left in the food bowl.

Housing

Habitat - Collared Tree Runners are from South America including Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador. They love to jump and climb. Provide plenty of climbing branches at various heights throughout the enclosure. Be sure to provide plenty of foliage for hiding areas in the trees. Keep the environment warm and humid. Collared Tree Runners may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together Collared Tree Runners should be of similar size to avoid injury. Never house two males together in the same tank. Two females generally get along well. A male and female will likely breed if housed together.

Size - Collared Tree Runners must have a minimum cage size of 36" Long x 18" Deep x 16" High.

Substrate - Due to humidity requirements an absorbent substrate is desired. Peat moss or coconut fiber are preferred.

Temperature - A Collared Tree Runner's basking spot should be 85-90°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Mist the environment twice daily. Humidity levels should be between 70% - 80%.

Watering - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times.

Lighting - Since this is a diurnal species, it requires two light bulbs. One is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. The second is a UVB lamp. The UVB lamp will specifically say UVB on the box. If the box doesn't say UVB, it's not UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.



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