



Fish Scaled Gecko

Geckolepis maculata

Care Sheet

Average Size

5 – 7 inches long

Average Lifespan

7 – 10 years

Diet

Fish Scaled Geckos are omnivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs as well as prepared gecko diets.

Feeding

Feed babies and juveniles insects daily. Constant access to the gecko diet should also be available. The diet can be left in the enclosure for 2-3 days before changing if it is kept moist. Adults should also eat daily, although they may not eat as much as a younger Fish Scaled Gecko. Dust food with calcium powder daily and a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

Housing

Habitat - Fish Scaled Geckos come from Madagascar. The environment should be kept warm and humid. Provide plenty of foliage for hiding along with various branches for climbing. Fish Scaled Geckos may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together geckos 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 - Fish Scaled Geckos are very active and an adult must have a minimum cage size of 20" Long x 10" Deep x 12" High, also known as a 10-gallon tank. A screen lid is recommended for safety.

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

Temperature - A Fish Scaled Gecko's basking spot should be 85°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Fish Scaled Geckos also require high humidity. The cage should be sprayed once to twice daily with a spray bottle. Spray until the cage and decorations are dripping. Humidity levels should be between 60% - 70%.

Watering - Always provide a bowl of fresh drinking water.

Lighting - Since this is a nocturnal species, specialized lighting is not required. For live planted terrariums or aesthetics light may be used. There is no current proof that this animal requires UVB light, although some keepers prefer to provide UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.



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