



Yellow-Throated Plated Lizard

Gerrhosaurus flavigularis

Care Sheet

Average Size

18 – 24 inches long

Average Lifespan

15 – 20 years

Diet

Yellow-Throated Plated Lizards are omnivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, superworms, cockroaches and occasional fruits and vegetables.

Feeding

Feed babies and adults daily. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

Housing

Habitat - Yellow-Throated Plated Lizards are found in the Sudan, Ethiopia, and Southern and Eastern Africa. The environment should be kept hot and dry. Provide hiding places along with plenty of flat surfaces for basking. Yellow-Throated Plated Lizards may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together Yellow-Throated Plated Lizards 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 - A baby must have a minimum cage size of 30" Long x 12" Deep x 12" High. Adults require a space that is 36" Long x 18" Deep x 16" High.

Substrate - Acceptable substrates are ground walnut shell, sand, or cage carpet. The main concern with walnut shell and sand is the possibility of impaction. If the lizard consumes large amounts of the substrate, it could cause intestinal blockage. Cage carpet is the safest option, however, it is difficult to clean easily. Ground walnut is the preferred substrate of The Tye-Dyed Iguana.

Temperature - A Yellow-Throated Plated Lizard's basking spot should be 95°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Some keepers prefer to mist the environment, although this is not required. Humidity levels should be between 50% - 55%.

Watering - Always provide a bowl of fresh drinking water.

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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