

Flowered Racer care sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **Flowered Racer**

Latin Name: **Platyceps florulentus**

Native To: **Egypt**

Size: **3-3.5ft**

Life Span: **20+ Years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Found throughout Egypt, these fast moving snakes are found throughout hot temperature environments and low lying scrubland.

Vivarium Size:

We recommend a minimum size vivarium of 36x15x15 with plenty of places to hide.

Substrate:

We recommend a substrate for desert dwelling reptiles, desert mix, leolife and utilising sands and rocks. With low branches and hides available.

Food and Water:

Water should be provided at all times. A small bowl will suffice as this desert species will not enjoy increased levels of humidity.

Flowered racers in the wild are predominantly lizard eaters, taking any small lizards that they can catch. They have also been recorded as invertebrate eaters taking various species of insect on occasion. In a captive environment racers do very well on a diet of mice and some insects.

We strongly recommend feeding only pre-killed prey items. It is now illegal to feed live prey to snakes in the U.K. as, not only is it unethical, if the snake is not hungry and does not wish to feed, the mouse will turn on the snake and start biting away at it – often leading to infections and death.

Heat/Light Requirements:

Like the majority of other snakes, flowered racers do not require UV radiation. More often than not, racers will hide away from it, due to them being nocturnal animals.

Flowered racers require 24 hour heating with one side of the vivarium being the designated 'cool' end and the other being the 'hot' or 'basking' area. This can be achieved by placing a heat source on one side of the vivarium.

As they are cold blooded animals, their body temperature is the same as that of the environment around them and therefore flowered racers will move around the vivarium until they find their optimum temperature. At night we recommend a temperature drop of about 5-10°C.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your flowered racer, all of which can be thermostatically controlled:

Day (cool end): 24 - 26°C

Day: (warm end): 30 - 35°C

Night: 15 - 20°C

Please note that this care sheet is only for your basic husbandry knowledge and that it is always recommended that you do further reading.

FURTHER READING

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