

Long Tail lizard care sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **Long tail lizard**

Latin Name: **Takydromus sexlineatus**

Native To: **India**

Size: **10 – 12 "**

Life Span: **5+ years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Inhabiting tropical climates throughout grasslands and rainforests of India to Sumatra.

Vivarium Size:

A semi- arboreal species of lizard, long tails will be found high in the enclosure and on the substrate searching for food. For a pair we would recommend a 30x30x45cm exoterra allowing for excellent ventilation and temperature gradient.

Substrate:

Naturalistic substrates will do long tails particularly well, soil mixes, crestie life and earthpro being some of the best. Mixed with coco fibre and leaf litter will give a wonderful earthy mixture that will retain moisture for a relative humidity of 70-80%.

Food and Water:

Long tails require fresh water for drinking and, infrequently, bathing. A large water dish will also aid in the relative humidity of the enclosure. Prey items must be appropriate sized insects including but not limited to crickets, locust, waxworms, earthworms and moths.

It is highly recommended that all food is dusted with calcium and vitamin supplements available on the reptile section.

Heat/Light Requirements:

Long tails are diurnal lizards and will be seen during the day basking openly. A hotspot and cool spot should be provided along with full spectrum UV lighting.

At night it is best to allow the temperature to drop 2-6°C to mimic the natural nightly temperature drop.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your long tail lizards:

Day hotspot: 30-35°C

Day coolspot: 24-28°C

Night: 18-22°C

FURTHER READING:

<https://pethelpful.com/reptiles-amphibians/The-Long-tailed-Grass-Lizard>

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