

Oriental Garden Lizard

Calotes versicolor

Cites status

not protected

Habitat

From Southwest-Asia to Sri Lanka to South-China and Sumatra.

open plains, forests, not bound to a specific biotope, civilization follower, diurnal

Size

up to 40 cm

Life Expectancy

over 10 years ??

Reproduction

10-25 eggs, incubation period at 30°C about 40-50 days.

Temperature

ground temperature between 26-30°C, local heat spots up to 35 °C, by use of a heat mat (Lucky Reptile Thermo Mat). Night setback to about 20-23°C.

Humidity

70-95%

Lighting

Daylight fluorescent tubes, if necessary UV tubes (see Fluorescent Lighting). For sufficient UV radiation we recommend UV Lamps or the Arcadia D3 Compact. Incandescent Lighting for the creation of local heat spots.

Substrate

loose, absorptive substrate (see cage substrate).

Cage Furniture

climbing facilities, a nature- or a structural-background is recommended. Planting is required (*Ficus benjamina*, *F. pumila*, *Scindapsus*, etc.). Various hiding places and a water tank make up the basic configuration of the terrarium.

food

Insects (e.g. crickets, house crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, super mealworms, wax moths, etc.) also products from the Zoo Med Can o' Series. Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

