

Common Basilisk

Basiliscus basiliscus

Cites status

not protected

Habitat

Central America to Northwestern South America

tropical rainforests, often near bodies of water, diurnal

Size

over 80 cm

Life Expectancy

over 10 years

Reproduction

lays up to 18 eggs, certain populations show parthenogenetic reproduction. Incubation period at 30°C about 50-70 days.

Temperature

air temperature between 26-28°C, local heat spots up to 40°C, night setback to 20-23°C.

Humidity

70-90% at day, 90-100% at night

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. Species needs a strong illumination. If necessary the use of HQI lamps or T5 fluorescent tubes is recommended.

Substrate

loose, absorptive substrate (see cage substrate).

Cage Furniture

climbing facilities, a background is recommended. Planting is possible (*Ficus benjamina*, *F. pumila* *Scindapsus* etc.). Various hiding places and a large water container with waterfall or the like (possibly aquaterrarium) 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.



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