

Desert Horned Lizard

Phrynosoma platyrhinos

Cites status

not protected

Habitat

from southeastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho across Nevada, Utah, southern California and western Arizona to Sonora (Mexico)

desert to semi-arid desert, sandy but also rocky underground. Diurnal

Size

up to 9,5 cm, males are a bit smaller

Life Expectancy

7-8 years

Reproduction

2-16 eggs (average 7). Incubation period at 27-28°C approx. 45-55 days.

Temperature

air temperature between 30-38°C, local heat spots up to 45-50°C. Night setback to room temperature. Hibernation at 10-15°C.

Humidity

30-50%

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

loamy earth with rock structures or Sand or grit. Also Reptile Cannabis Bedding.

Cage Furniture

hiding places, stones and roots, also climbing facilities and a flat water bowl. Cage substrate should always be slightly wet in one spot.

Terrarium Size

60x60x40 cm and larger

food

besides ants as their principal food they also eat medium house crickets and crickets, slaters, spiders, smaller moths and carpet moths.

Comments

Socialisation is possible with Side blotched lizards and desert iguanas in accordingly sized terrariums.



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