

## Desert Spiny Lizard

Sceloporus magister

**Cites status**  
not protected

**Habitat**  
Southern USA to northern Mexico

desert, semi-desert and tropical thronbushforest, diurnal

**Size**  
up to 33 cm

**Life Expectancy**  
over 6 years

**Reproduction**  
lays 4-19 eggs, incubation period at 28°C about 60-70 days.

**Temperature**  
air temperature should vary between 25-31°C, local heat spots up to 45°C. Night setback to 18-20°C.

**Humidity**  
50-70%

**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.

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

**Comments**  
Small groups can be tended well together in roomy terrariums (e.g. 1 male with 2-4 females).

