



Day Gecko



OVERVIEW



- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Adult Size: 2 to 12 inches (dependant on species)
- Life Span: Up to 15 years (dependant on species)
- Diet: Insects & Specialist Gecko Food
- Temperament: Friendly, but can be jumpy
- Background Temp: 22-26.5°C (72-80°F)
- Basking Area: 28°C-30°C (82°F -86°F)
- Humidity: 60-80%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Ensure temperatures are not allowed to get too hot as these geckos do not like too much heat.
- ✓ A tall vivarium is the best option for this arboreal gecko.
- ✓ Allow some open spaces in the vivarium so that the gecko can jump from branch to branch.
- ✓ Try using an elevated feeding platform to offer a specialist gecko diet and water.
- ✓ Day Gecko prefer to drink water droplets after the tank has been sprayed.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

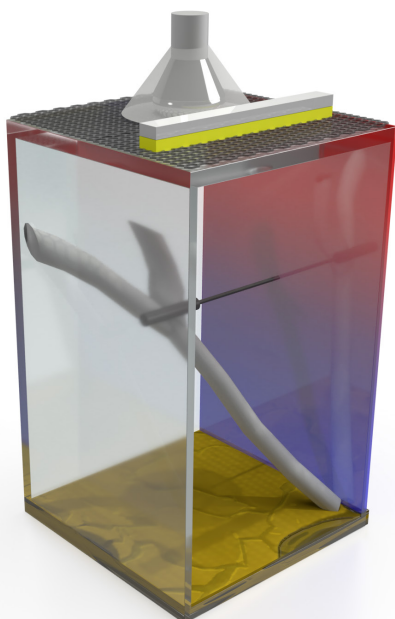


- Housing: Glass Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Coir & Moss, HabiStat Jungle Bio
- Water: Water via an elevated feeding platform, and Misting as needed

ENVIRONMENT



Arboreal Terrarium Setup



Heating

Day Gecko are diurnal animals and will thrive with a suitable background temperature and a warmer area towards the top of the terrarium, to replicate conditions in the wild.

A heat bulb run on a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) is the ideal solution for providing this overhead heat.

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the Day Gecko. Insert the probe through the lid of the terrarium and attach directly to a branch or similar in the top quarter of the enclosure ensuring this area has a range of 26-29°C (78.8-84.2°F)

Temperature and Monitoring

Providing a warmer area towards the top of the enclosure offers a heat gradient for the Day Gecko. This area, supplied by the overhead heat bulb, should not exceed 30°C (86°F) leaving a cooler temperature range throughout the rest of the enclosure of between 22-26.5°C (72-80°F).

Night-time temperatures should be 20-26°C (68-78.8°F) with both overhead heat bulb and UV off. If night-time temperatures are dropping too low, a HabiStat Heat Mat can be used when run through the HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) to provide the stable heat. Make sure temperatures are checked regularly to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

In captivity, a UV light should be used to provide health and wellbeing. We recommend using a UV tube which has been specifically designed for

forest/tree dwelling reptiles such as the Arcadia ShadeDweller (RARTP8S). Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and the Day Gecko is not able to get too close.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

Day Geckos can be housed on HabiStat Coir with Moss added to the mix or HabiStat Jungle Bio. This will retain moisture and help maintain humidity.

Wood/branches for climbing, hiding and sleeping on.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Day Gecko to shelter.

Feeding Dish on an elevated feeding platform will be of great benefit to these arboreal geckos.

DIET & WATER

Babies through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects and a specially formulated Gecko food.

The Day Gecko will be most active during the day, so it is best to feed during this time period.

Day Gecko are keen fruit and nectar drinkers so should be offered specially formulated Gecko Food once a week.

Always provide a source of fresh water, ideally in an arboreal feeding platform. Mist the enclosure to allow the Day Gecko to drink droplets which form on the enclosure walls and leaves.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Day Gecko need additional supplementation to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder. Please follow the product instructions

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A Day Gecko can drop its tail if it feels threatened or under attack. The tail will grow back but it may well not look the same as before in size or colouration.

When a Day Gecko sheds it rubs its face against an object to loosen the skin around its face. Then the Day Gecko will take the loose skin in its mouth and eat the skin as it is shed. It will normally shed its skin in one piece and eat it all. Check the Day Gecko's toes to ensure that all the old skin has been shed as if any is left it will begin to constrict the blood supply to the toes and will eventually cause problems.

Day Geckos have a prehensile tail, which allows the tail to be used for gripping on to branches as well as providing stability when moving amongst the tree canopy.

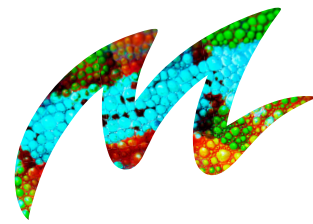
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Day Gecko healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Day Gecko, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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