



Crested Gecko



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Correlophus ciliatus*
- Origin: New Caledonia
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 6-7 inches
- Life Span: Up to 15 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insects & Specialist Crested Gecko Food
- Humidity: 60-80% during the day; 100% at night
- Handling: Beginner

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Ensure temperatures do not get too hot as Crested Geckos do not like too much heat.
- ✓ A tall Terrarium is the best option for the arboreal Crested Gecko.
- ✓ Allow some open spaces in the Terrarium so that the Crested Gecko can jump from branch to branch.
- ✓ Try using an Arboreal Feeding Ledge to offer a Specially Formulated Crested Gecko Diet & water.
- ✓ Crested Geckos will also drink water droplets after the tank has been sprayed.

HOUSING

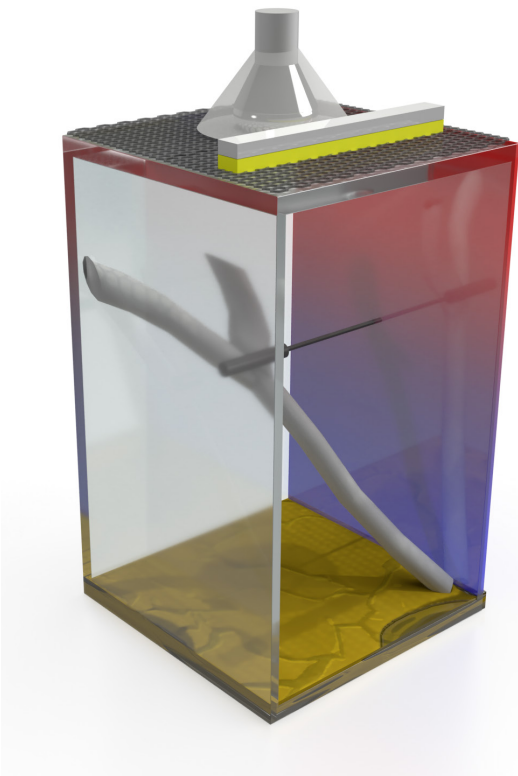
- A relevant sized Terrarium like the HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45cm x 45cm x 60cm (18x18x24") (HGT4560) is the perfect housing solution for a Crested Gecko throughout its whole life.
- If you already have the appropriately sized Terrarium, then the HabiStat Crested Gecko Accessory Kit (HSCGAK) can provide everything else needed in a handy kit.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 Hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Coir (HSCB) & HabiStat Moss (HSMS250), HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- Water: Water (via an Arboreal Feeding Ledge (HSFLD) and water bowl on the ground) and Misting

ENVIRONMENT

Arboreal Terrarium Setup



Heating

Crested Geckos are a nocturnal species, but still benefit from a suitable light and heat gradient in the Terrarium to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

- Background Temp: 22-26°C (72-79°F)
- HOT Spot: 26-28°C (79-82°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 20-26°C (68-79°F)

Use a heat bulb in an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp (RARTG75) running through a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) against the top mesh of the Terrarium to provide 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 Crested Gecko. Insert the probe through the lid of the Terrarium and attach directly to a branch or similar in the top quarter

of the Terrarium ensuring this area has a range of 26°C-28°C (79-82°F).

In most cases, room temperature is ideal for night temperatures. If you are struggling with maintaining the night temperatures, use a HabiStat Heat Mat on an outside wall of the Terrarium running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1).

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Use the Arcadia ShadeDweller Arboreal 2.4% (RARTP8SA), which has been specifically designed for forest dwelling reptiles.

Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and that the Crested Gecko is not able to get too close.

DIET & WATER

Babies through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects and a specially formulated Crested Gecko food. Crested Geckos should be fed in the evening or at night when they are most active.

Crested Geckos are keen fruit eaters and nectar drinkers so should be offered one of the specially formulated Crested Gecko Food once a week, like HabiStat Crested Gecko Diet Mango & Cricket (HSCDMC).

A source of fresh water must always be available; it is best to provide this in an Arboreal Feeding Ledge (HSFLD) and water bowl on the ground. Misting the Terrarium will also allow the Crested Gecko to drink droplets which form.

Use the HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) during the early hours of the morning to provide 100% humidity overnight.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A Crested Gecko has the ability to drop its tail if it feels threatened or under attack.

The tail will not grow back once it has been dropped, unlike most other species of Geckos.

When a Crested Gecko sheds, the process will begin by the Crested Gecko rubbing its face against an object to loosen the skin; the Crested Gecko will eat the skin as it is shed. It is worth checking the Crested Gecko's toes to ensure that all of the old skin has been shed, because if any is left it will begin to constrict the blood supply to the toes and eventually cause problems.

Crested 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 canopies.

Substrates and Decoration

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

HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10) would be an ideal choice as it will retain moisture and help maintain humidity. Crested Geckos can also be housed on HabiStat Coir (HSCB) & Moss (HSMS250) added to the mix or Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)

Wood/branches for climbing, hiding, and sleeping on.

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

A Feeding Dish on an Arboreal Feeding Ledge.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Crested Geckos need additional supplementation to their diet to help them to flourish and maintain healthy and productive lives. We recommend using a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80) as per the product instructions.



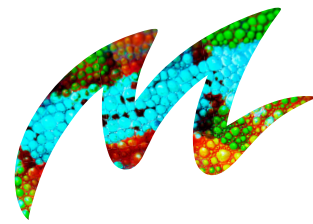
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Crested 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 Crested Gecko, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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