

# Long-Tailed Lizard



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Takydromus sexlineatus*
- Origin: Southeast Asia
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: On average 8 to 12 inches (20-30cms)
- Life Span: Upwards of 5 years in captivity
- Behaviour:
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Friendly

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ A humidifier will aid hydration at night when all heat and light is turned off and the Long-Tailed Lizard is sleeping.
- ✓ Do not directly spray your Long-Tailed Lizard when misting the enclosure, even when shedding.
- ✓ Ensure set up contains branches, vines, and plants for this arboreal species to climb and traverse
- ✓ Make sure they are not able to get close to the heat and UVB source. Keep plants and foliage at a safe distance and use protective cages around the heat bulb and UV.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

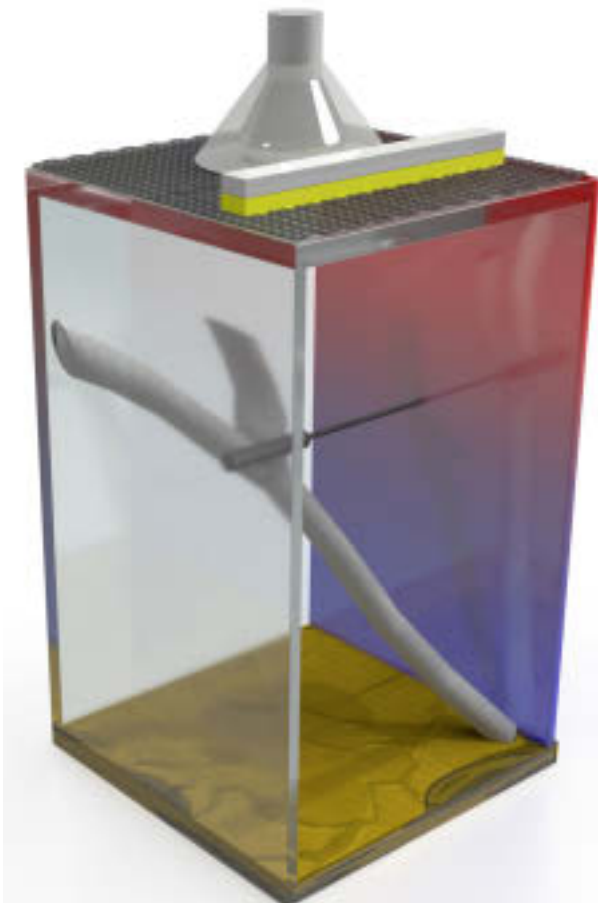


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Substrate: Arcadia EarthMix, Habistat Jungle Bio
- Water: Misting, Humidifier

## ENVIRONMENT



### Arboreal Terrarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: 32°C-35°C (90°F-95°F)
- Background Temp: 23°C-25°C (75°F-77°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 21°C (70°F)
- Humidity: 60%-80%
- UVI: 3-4

### Heating

Long-Tailed Lizards are a diurnal species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use the Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARMG160) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running through the HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

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 animal.

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

## Lighting

Lay the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S), or the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 ShadeDweller 7% (RARLZ8S) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances, providing a UVI of 3-4.

## Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how to decorate the surface of your Terrarium/vivarium. The following is just a guide:

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV), HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB).
- Live plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

## DIET & WATER

Ensure Long-Tailed Lizards are offered appropriately sized insects.

### **Young/Juvenile - several appropriately sized feeders daily such as:**

- Crickets – 3rd
- Locust – 1st Hopper
- Calci Worms

### **Adult - several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:**

- Crickets – Standard
- Locust – 3rd Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Medium

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

## HOUSING



- HabiStat Glass Terrarium 30x30x45cm (HGT3045)
- HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x60cm (HGT4560)

## SUPPLEMENTATION



Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as HabiStat Pure Calcium (HMC40), HabiStat Reptavite (HMRV40), HabiStat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- Long-Tailed Lizards will shed their skin, and this is based on age.
- Younger Long-Tailed Lizards under 6 months will shed almost weekly. This will become less frequent as they age, with adults shedding only a few times a year.
- They can be more temperamental during this process, often going off food or become more defensive.

## HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Long-Tailed Lizard healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Refresh water container Daily Spraying	Spot clean	Check branches and plants for breakage and stability
Weekly	Disinfect water dripper	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up	Wipe down glass/mesh/walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full or partial substrate change	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 animal, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABC) for hand hygiene.

# DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	<b>Hotspot Temp</b> 32 C-35 C (90 F-95 F)	<b>Background Temp</b> 23 C-25 C (75 F-77 F)	<b>Humidity</b> 0%-80%	<b>UVI</b> 3-4	<b>Night Time Temp</b> 21°C (70°F)	<b>Feeding</b>
Monday						
Tuesday						
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