

Colorado River Toad



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Incilius alvarius*
- Origin: South-West United States and Northern Mexico
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: Up to 8 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 10 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Humidity: 40-60%
- Handling: Advanced (due to potential harmful toxic secretions)

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a shallow water bowl as the Colorado River Toad drinks water through its skin. All tap water must be treated with a water conditioner.
- ✓ Provide a substrate that aids holding humidity.
- ✓ Add live plants to help maintain humidity.

HOUSING

HabiStat Glass Terrarium 60x45x45cm (HGT6045)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

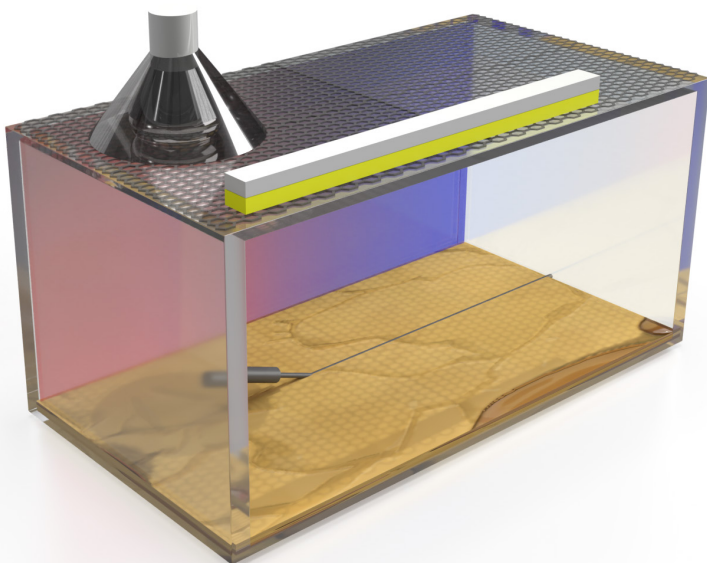


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Coir, or Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 21°C-23°C (70-73°F)
- Hot Spot: 24-27°C (75-81°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C (65°F)
- Humidity: 40%-60%
- UVI: 2-3

Provide a warmer/hot area at one end of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARTG75) and a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB50) running in conjunction with a 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.

Should you struggle in maintaining the suggested night-time temperatures using a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHMA17) running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) is recommended.

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

Lighting

Place the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARLZ8S) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances providing a UVI of 2-3.

Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), HabiStat Coir (HS10F), or Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV), and the HabiStat Log Hideout (HSNLHL) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter.

DIET & WATER

Ensure the Colorado River Toad has a varied diet, with a mixture of insects throughout its lifetime.

Insects such as Fruit-Fly, Crickets, Locust, and Roaches are some of their favourites.

Always provide a fresh source of water, such as the HabiStat Plastic Shallow water Bowl (HWFSL).

This water should be treated with a water conditioner, to remove any chlorine that could cause harm to your Toad.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

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

- The Colorado River Toad has harmful toxin glands called the paratoid glands just behind their eyes. The toxin produced by the Toad can cause harm in humans, as well as other animals. Avoid handling them unless necessary.
- Surgical gloves should always be worn if handling is required.

HEALTH & HYGIENE



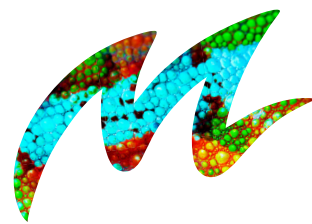
We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Colorado River Toad healthy and happy:

	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 your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hands.

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DATA MONITORING



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

	Hotspot Temp 24-27°C (75-81°F)	Background Temp 21 C-23 C (70-73 F)	Humidity 40%-60%	UVI 2-3	Night Time Temp 18 C (65 F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						