

Gold Dust Day Gecko



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Phelsuma laticauda*
- Origin: Madagascar
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 4 to 6 inches
- Life Span: 15 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Omnivore
- Handling: Intermediate

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide an Arboreal feeding ledge as a natural way to feed and hydrate
- ✓ To keep your Gecko stimulated, vary their food
- ✓ Use a substrate that helps to maintain humidity
- ✓ Gold Dust Day Geckos will drink water droplets after the tank has been sprayed

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio
- Water: Arboreal Feeding Ledge

HOUSING

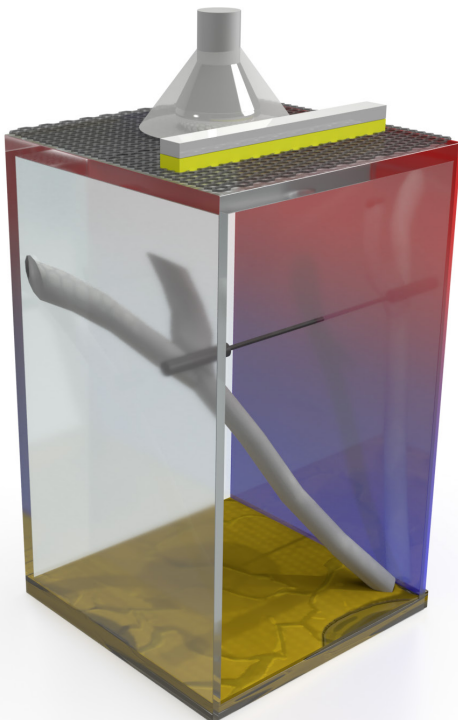


HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45 x 45 x 60cm (HGT4560)

ENVIRONMENT



Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)
- Hot Spot: 30-32°C (86-90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 21°C-25°C (70°F-77°F)
- Humidity: 50%-70%
- UVI: 3-4

Heating

The Gold Dust Day Geckos (*Phelsuma laticauda*) is a diurnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARMG160) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) all 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.

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 ShadeDweller UVB Kit 2.4% (RARTP8SA), or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 ShadeDweller (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.

DIET & WATER

Ensure the Gold Dust Day Gecko is offered appropriately sized insects and specially formulated Crested Gecko food.

Young/Juvenile – Several appropriately sized feeders 2 to 3 times per week such as:

- Crickets – Standard
- Locust – 3rd Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Medium
- Specially formulated HabiStat Crested Gecko

Diet (HSCDB80) once a week.

Adult – Several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – 3rd
- Locust – 1st Hopper
- Calci Worms
- Specially formulated HabiStat Crested Gecko

Diet (HSCDB80) once a week.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Arboreal Feeding Ledge (HSFLD).

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

Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB500), HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

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



Being an arboreal species, using branches for climbing, shelter, and enrichment is essential.

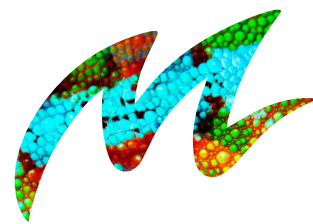
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Gold Dust 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 your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.



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DATA MONITORING



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

	Hotspot Temp 30-32°C (86-90°F)	Background Temp 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)	Humidity 50%-70%	UVI 3-4	Night Time Temp 21°C-25°C (70°F-77°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						