



# Northern Banded Knob-Tailed Gecko







- Scientific Name: Nephrurus cinctus
- Origin: Australia
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 4-6 inches
- Life Span: 10 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 30-40%







### **TOP TIPS**

- Provide branches, grapevine, cork tubes and bark for enrichment within the enclosure
- ✓ To help with shedding, add a hide filled with damp moss

### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding, Habistat Desert Sand
- Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish



HabiStat Standard Vivarium 36 x 18 x 18" (HV36)

### ENVIRONMENT

#### **Terrestrial Terrarium Setup**



#### **Enclosure Readings**

- Background Temp: 21°C 24°C (70-74°F)
- Hot Spot: 30°C 32°C (87°F 90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 20°C 21°C (68-70°F)
- Humidity: 30%-40%
- UVI: 1-2

#### Heating

The Northern Banded Knob-Tailed Gecko (*Nephrurus cinctus*) is a nocturnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARM160) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) 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

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 ShadeDweller Arboreal 7% (RARTP8S) or the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 ShadeDweller 7% (RARLZ8S) to the inside roof of the Vivarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances providing a UVI of 1-2.

#### Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding (HSBDB10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Cork Bark (HDCB5)
- HabiStat Log Hideout (HSNLHM), with
  HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSM1) kept damp
  within
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

### **DIET & WATER**

Ensure the Northern Banded Knob-Tailed Gecko is offered a variety of insects.

Make sure to feed when they are most active, usually at night.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCS).

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**



- HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding (HSBDB) is an ideal substrate for the Northern Banded Knob-Tailed Gecko, as they originate from the dry/arid climate of Australia.

## **HEALTH & HYGIENE**

We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Northern Banded Knob-Tailed 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 hands.

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

Feeding							
<b>Night Time Temp</b> 20 C - 21 C (68-70 F)							
<b>1</b> -2							
<b>Humidity</b> 30%-40%							
<b>Background Temp</b> 21 C - 24 C (70-74 F)							
<b>Hotspot Temp</b> 30ºC - 32ºC (87ºF - 90ºF)							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday