

# Yellow-Headed Gecko



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Gonatodes albogularis fuscus*
- Origin: Central and South America
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 3 inches
- Life Span: 10-15 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Vary the food items you offer your animal to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop when spot cleaning

## HOUSING

HabiStat Glass Terrarium - 18x18x24" - (HGT4560)

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

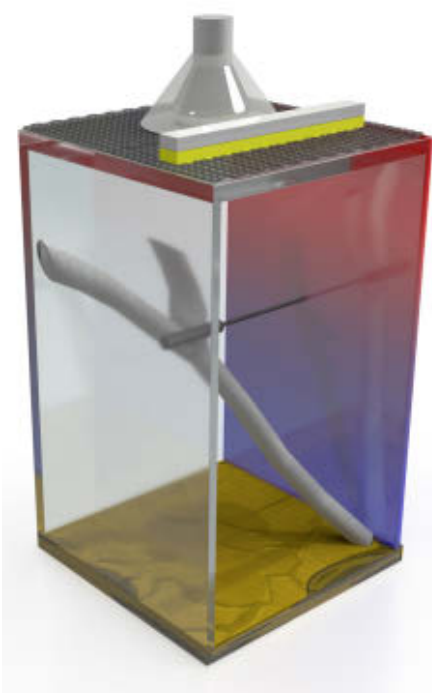


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia Earth Mix Arid (RAREA10), HabiStat Orchid Bark (HS010F)
- Water: Water Bowl

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



### Enclosure Readings

Background Temp: 25-27°C (77-80°F)

Hot Spot: 29°C (85°F)

Night-Time Temp: 18-21°C (64-70°F)

Humidity: 50%-70%

UVI: 2-3

### Heating

Yellow-headed geckos are diurnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their Terrarium.

Provide a warmer/hot area towards one side of the Terrarium using an overhead heat source.

Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with ceramic Holder (RARTG75) and a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB50) running through a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) for the overhead option.

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

## Lighting

Lay the Arcadia ProT5 UVB Kit (RARTP8S) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommended distances.

## Substrates and Decoration

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

- Habistat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia Earth Mix (RARE10), HabiStat Orchid Bark (HSO10F)
- The Habistat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), Habistat Grapevine (HSGV), HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB500) will offer enrichment within the enclosure
- Artificial or live plants for decoration and to provide darker areas for the yellow-headed gecko to hide away if it chooses
- The use of HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) in the HabiStat Moss Hide (HSNMH) will provide a humid retreat for the species
- Water bowl - a suitably sized sturdy water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the enclosure

## DIET & WATER

Make sure the Yellow-Headed Gecko is offered appropriately sized insects:

**Young/Juvenile – Several appropriately sized feeders 2 to 3 times per week 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 using the HabiStat Arboreal Feeding Ledge (HSFLS).

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 Yellow-Headed Gecko likes a humid environment of 50-70%, spray the enclosure regularly.
- Keep an eye on your Hygrometer to track the enclosure's humidity.

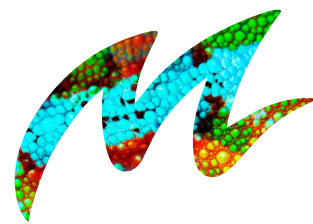
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Yellow-Headed 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 29°C (85°F)	Background Temp 25-27°C (77-80°F)	Humidity 50%-70%	UVI 2-3	Night Time Temp 18-21°C (64-70°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						