



CARING FOR YOUR LONG TAILED LIZARD

Scientific Name: *Takydromus sexlineatus*

Native to: Southeast Asia's Indochina peninsula region

Maximum Length: 10-12 inches
(mostly in the tail)

Life Span: 5+ years with proper care



CHARACTERISTICS:

Long-tailed grass lizards are dark greenish brown to brown with white stripes or black border running along the length of their bodies, though the coloration and stripe patterns can vary and have a light (sometimes creamy white) belly. They are beautiful, delicately slim bodied lizards with tails that are longer than their bodies. Long tailed lizards have a tail that is slightly prehensile and the lizard can wrap it around branches to help balance and secure itself in low trees and shrubs.

CARE TIPS:

Enclosure: A minimum 15 gallon tank is recommended for a single long tailed lizards, with an additional 5 gallons for each additional lizard. Clean the enclosure at least once a week.

Substrate: Untreated soil or bark substrates.

Habitat: The habitat should be kept at 75% - 80% humidity, this can be achieved through misting several times per day. Provide hiding areas and climbing limbs for your lizard. Use a hygrometer to monitor your enclosures humidity levels.

Temperature and Lighting: Day time temperatures should be kept at 95 F on the warm side and 75 F on the cool side. Night time temperatures should be around 70 F. Use an incandescent light or ceramic heater as the primary heat source with an under tank heater as your secondary source.

Food and Water: Long Tailed Lizards eat crickets, mealworms, and wax worms. Juveniles should be fed daily and adults every other day. Dusting food with a vitamin supplement once or twice a week and calcium daily are also recommended. Provide a shallow dish with clean, fresh, non-chlorinated water for your lizard and mist daily as many long tailed lizards will only drink from the water droplets on the leaves of the enclosure.