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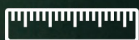
ZONE 1
UVI 0.7 - 1.4

Crested Gecko
Correlophus Ciliatus



Distribution

New Caledonia



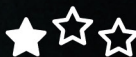
Adult Size

15-25cm
(6-10 inches)



Life Span

15-20 years



Experience

Beginner



Handling

Can be handled



Natural habitat

Crested Geckos are endemic to South Province, New Caledonia. There are three populations the first on Isle of Pines and surround islets and two populations on the main island of Grande Terre.

Housing

Crested Geckos do best within a glass enclosure with adequate ventilation, this will make it easier to control the crucial temperatures and air flow required inside the habitat. The minimum enclosure size would be 45 x 45 x 60cm (17 x 17 x 24 inches) for a single adult. If you can provide a larger enclosure, then this will benefit your animal.



Heating

Crested Geckos will need a constant ambient temperature of 24°C (75°F)



Basking spot maximum	Ambient daytime range	Ambient night-time range
27-29°C (82-85°F)	25-27°C (78-82°F)	20-22°C (68-73°F)

The basking and ambient temperatures are easily achieved using Reptile Systems Basking Spot Lamps or Reptile Systems Ceramic Heat Emitter in combination with a Reptile Systems Clamp lamp.

If additional night-time heat is needed this can be achieved using a Reptile Systems Heat Mat or Reptile Systems Heat Cable

Always ensure that heating products are run through a suitable dimming thermostat and ensure they correctly caged off so that your animal can not burn itself.

Lighting

Crested Geckos are within Zone 1 in the Ferguson scale the require a UVI of 0-1.4. The ideal photo period would be 12 hours with all the lights on and 12 hours with all the lights off.

The recommended UVI range can easily achieved using and Reptile Systems Zone 1 T5 / T8 lamps, Reptile Systems 3U 6% compact lamp, or a Zone 1 Eco Unit.



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Substrate

A wide range of substrates can be used but for a naturalistic enclosure a mix of soil with the addition of orchid bark / cypress mulch, leaf litter and moss to add interest and textures for your animal.

Water / humidity

Crested Geckos should be provided with fresh water daily, in a small bowl.

It is also important to mist the enclosure daily as Crested Geckos require an ambient humidity of 50-70%.

Adding Live plants to an enclosure is a great way to help maintain humidity.



Diet / Nutrition

Crested Geckos are omnivores you should offer a wide variety of insects the diet can include crickets, cockroaches, locusts, silkworm, calciworm, mealworm as well as a variety of other life foods that are commercially available; it is important to remember to gut load your insects prior to feeding and this can be easily achieved using Reptile Systems Insect Food.

In addition, you should also offer fruit and vegetation, this can be done using a powdered gecko diet.

Reptile Systems Calcium Ultra should be used 3 times a week as a dust on insects and Reptile Systems Vit-a-min should be used twice a week as a dust on insects (as a guide for adult animals).

Handling

Crested Geckos can be easily handled. Keep in mind that Crested Geckos like other species of Gecko will drop their tails if grabbed by them, unlike some other Geckos, Cresties will not regrow their tail. With any new reptile it is suggested that a 2 week settling in period is given in which handling does not take place. Handling should be limited to 20-30 minutes at a time, so your animal does not get too cold.



Suggested Reptile Systems Products

Black Clamp Lamp

Multi directional ceramic lamp fitting with reflector.

Basking Halo Spot

Provides UVA and heat

Zone 1 T5 lamp

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, requires a ballast unit.

Zone 1 T8 lamp

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, requires a ballast unit.

Zone 1 Eco Unit

UVB fluorescent full spectrum lamp, reliable electronic controller, and reflector kit.

T8 Electronic Controller

Flicker free ballast unit for T8 lamps.

Proten New Dawn LED

LED light source to support live plants.

Ceramic Heat Emitter

Perfect from creating ambient heat with no light.

Reptile Systems Heat Mat

Provide an ambient temperature range.

Reptile Systems Heat Cable

Provide an ambient temperature range.

Reptile Systems Thermostat

Reptile Systems Insect Food

Reptile Systems Calcium Ultra

Reptile Systems Vit-A-Min

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