

Emerald Swift

Sceloporus malachiticus

Size: 6" - 8"

Natural Habitat This swift is an inhabitant of mountain forest and woodland habitats in Mexico to Panama. When captive, adults require a 10 gallon enclosure.

Behavior: Most will become tame with regular handling.

Captive Environment Use full spectrum lighting 12-14 hours per day. Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone. Provide rocky basking areas, like crevices and caves.

Temperature: Day temperature should be a gradient from 80-92 degrees F. Maintain night temperature range between 70-75 degrees F. Use reptile heating pads under tank for 24-hour heat.

Humidity: This species requires moderate levels of humidity.

Water Requirements: Use only a small water bowl for drinking. Mist once per week.

Nutritional Requirements: This carnivore (meat eater) will readily accept insects and arthropods in diet. Offer variety for proper nutrition. Eats variety of larger worms (earthworms, meal/wax worms). Dust food with calcium and vitamins crickets are ideal.

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