

# Mexican Black Kingsnake

*Lampropeltis g. nigritis*

**Distribution:** Northern West Mexico

**Size:** 3' - 4'

**Natural habitat** Inhabits rocky areas of semi-desert and scrubland habitats of Northwest Mexico. When captive, adults require a 29 gallon enclosure.

**Behavior:** Most will become tame with regular handling. This species is nocturnal (active primarily at night). Provide some dark hiding areas for proper captive care.

**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 gradient from 78 to 90 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 only low levels of humidity.

**Water requirements:** Use only a small water bowl for drinking.

**Nutritional requirements:** This species is a carnivore (meat eater). Will eat lizards and snakes to small birds. Feed appropriate sized rodents.

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