

# Yellow-Bellied Toad



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Bombina variegata variegata*
- Origin: Central & Southern Europe
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 1 to 2 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 20 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Advanced (only if absolutely necessary)
- Humidity: 50-70%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Include a filtered pool area within the enclosure
- ✓ Add live plants and a layer of moss to help maintain humidity
- ✓ Treat tap water with a water conditioner to remove chemicals

## HOUSING

The HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45 (HGT4545) would be ideal for one Yellow-Bellied Toad

The HabiStat Glass Terrarium 60x45x45cm (HGT6045) is ideal for a small group of 3 adults

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

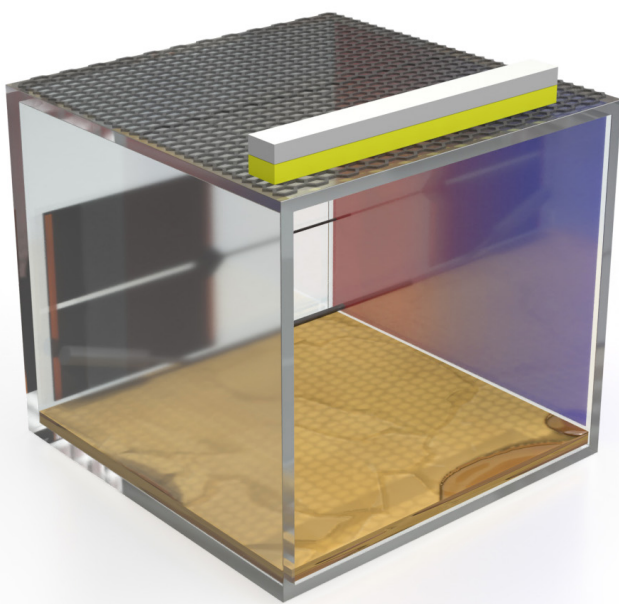


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 Hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), HabiStat Coir (HSCB)
- Water: HabiStat Plastic Shallow Water Bowl (HWFSL)

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



### Heating

Yellow-Bellied Toads are ectothermic (cold-blooded) animals and take all their heat requirements from external sources.

- Background Temp: 21-24°C (70-75°F)
- HOT Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 16-21°C (60-70°F)

Usually, no additional heating is required, and room temperature is more than adequate.

If the ambient background temperature drops below the recommended range, add a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) on the outside rear of the terrarium.

Use the Heat Mat in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMB1). Mat Stat Thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

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

## Lighting

Use the Arcadia Pro T5 7% (RARTP8S) on top of the mesh.

Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and that the animal is not able to get too close.

An Arcadia Jungle dawn LED Bar (RAJDP1) will also contribute to providing beneficial full spectrum lighting within the Terrarium for both the animal and plant life when used alongside the suggested UV light.

## Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), or HabiStat Coir (HSCB) with a layer of HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSM1) on top. The water/pooled area can have rocks and substrate, or can be bare bottom.
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV), rocks, and leaf litter will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter.

## DIET & WATER

Ensure the Yellow-Bellied Toad is offered a variety of insects.

Make sure to feed when they are most active, usually in the daytime.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Yellow-Bellied Toads need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80). Follow the on-pack instructions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Yellow-Bellied Toad can be sensitive to chemicals (such as chlorine) within our tap water, any water used should be treated with a suitable water conditioner such as Exo Terra Aquatize (DEA120)
- Yellow-Bellied Toads are semi-aquatic, meaning it is important they have an easy to access shallow pool area within their enclosure.
- Make sure to use a water filter and change the water weekly, as waste and dead insects can build up.
- This species can be kept in small groups of 3 or 4, if keeping a group of Yellow-Bellied Toads make sure you have an appropriately sized terrarium.

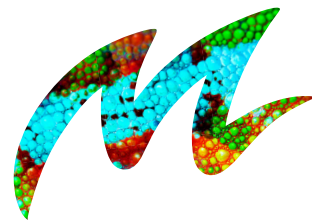
## HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Yellow-Bellied Toad healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily		Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly		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	Check the aquarium filter and clean		

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.



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