

Trinket Snake



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Coelognathus helena*
- Origin: Central Asia
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: Upwards of 4ft
- Life Span: Roughly 10 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Defrost Rodents and Poultry
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 50-70%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Allow for a few inches of substrate to aid maintaining humidity.
- ✓ Provide a sturdy water-bowl.
- ✓ Use a sand scoop to make spot cleaning easier

HOUSING

The following are examples suitable for any age.

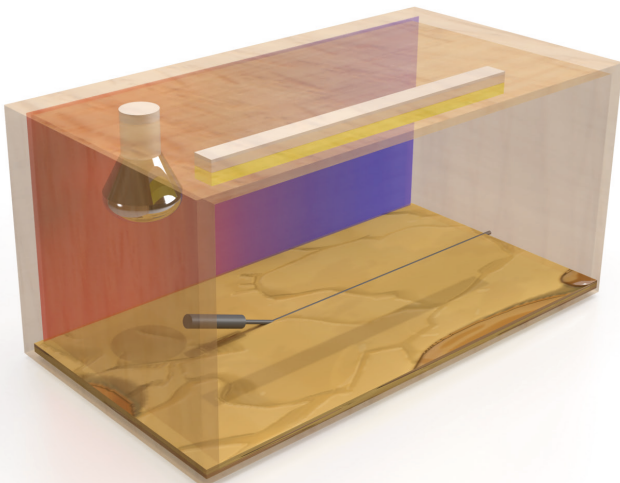
- HabiStat Vivarium - 36x24x24" - (DVF3624)
- HabiStat Vivarium - 48x24x24" - (DVF4824)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Lighting: UV Tube (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), HabiStat Coir (HSC10F), HabiStat Orchid Bark (HSO10M)
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Heating

Trinket Snakes are diurnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their vivarium.

- Background Temp: 23°C (73°F)
- HOT Spot: 30°C (86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18-20°C (64-68°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the one side of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running through a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming 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 Snake. Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia ShadeDweller-Max ProT5 Kit (RARTP14S) with the Arcadia Lamp Guard Pro (RALGP2) protecting the tube on the inside roof of the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommended distances.

Substrates and Decoration

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

- Habistat Orchid Bark (HSO10M), Habistat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia Earth Mix (RARE10)
- The Habistat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) and Habistat Grapevine (HSGV) will offer enrichment within the enclosure
- Artificial or live plants for decoration and to provide darker areas for the Trinket Snake to hide away if it chooses
- Water bowl - a suitably sized sturdy water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the enclosure

DIET & WATER

The Trinket Snake is a defrost rodents and poultry eating species for its captive diet.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) will provide a safe and sturdy option for this necessity.

Misting the enclosure as needed will also allow for the maintenance and regulation of the enclosure humidity.

SUPPLEMENTATION

The Trinket Snake does not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This is a snake species that likes a steady humidity range. Aiming for 50-70% via spraying down of the enclosure moss and plants as needed will allow for this.
- Keep an eye on your Hygrometer for humidity needs.

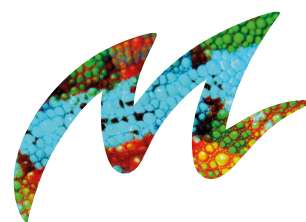
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Trinket Snake healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Trinket Snake, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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