



# Baron's Racer



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Philodryas baroni*
- Origin: South America
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 4-6 feet
- Life Span: 10-20 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 30-60%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ The Baron's Racer Snake is mostly arboreal, so having branches to climb is essential.
- ✓ After feeding, let your snake digest its meal for 2 days before handling.
- ✓ Offer a smaller or larger food item if your snake refuses to feed.
- ✓ If your snake is refusing its food when it's about to shed, wait until the snake has fully shed before offering food again.
- ✓ A bad shed is normally a sign of something wrong in the snake's environment.

## HOUSING

HabiStat Glass Terrarium 36 x 18 x 36" (HGT9091)

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

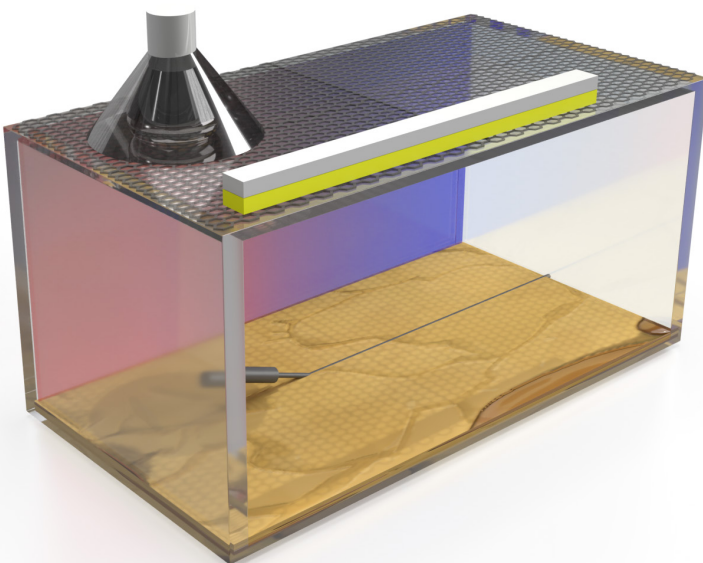


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio
- Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish

## ENVIRONMENT



### Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



### Heating

The Baron's Racer (*Philodryas baroni*) is a diurnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARM160) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) to provide overhead heat. This can be placed on the mesh roof of the Terrarium.

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 animal.

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

- Background Temp: 20°C - 22°C (68-72°F)
- HOT Spot: 28°C - 30°C (82-86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 15°C - 20°C (59-68°F)

## Lighting

Use the Arcadia Pro T5 (RARTP39F), as this is specifically designed for forest dwelling reptiles. Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and that the animal is not able to get too close. Using an Arcadia Jungle dawn LED Bar (RAJDP3) will also add 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 examples:

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGVS) and the HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Baron's Racer to use as shelter

## DIET & WATER



The Baron's Racer are a thawed Rodent and Poultry eating species.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCL).

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

## SUPPLEMENTATION



The Baron's Racer do not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- A Baron's Racer will shed its skin every so often, depending on how big the snake is and how quickly its growing. As a rule, a young snake will shed every 3 to 6 weeks, and an older snake every 2 to 6 months.
- The best way to tell that your Snake is about to shed their skin, is to look at their general colour and eyes.
- The Snake will appear duller than normal and may have a washed-out look. This will become more obvious as the Snake nears shedding its skin.
- The Snake's eyes will also appear clouded at first and will eventually turn a bluey/grey colour. Normal colouration will return once the Snake has shed its skin.

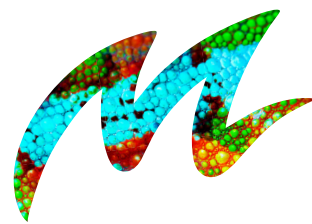
## HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Baron's Racer 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 to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	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 your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.



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