

# MARITIME GECKOS



## Day Gecko

Scientific Name: Phelsuma Kochi

### Enclosure

Regardless of whether you are a hobbyist breeder or a pet owner, our advice is the same. That is to keep it simple! For pet owners, a great option for caging is a glass enclosure (terrarium). Day geckos can live comfortably their whole life in a 18x18x24 terrarium. Geckos should be housed individually with the exception of for breeding purposes.

### Heating & Lighting

Day geckos require a hot spot of 90 degrees. This is best achieved with a heat lamp. UVB is also required for these geckos. We suggest a 10% T8 or 6% T5 UVB bulb.

### Substrate

These geckos are arboreal so loose substrate is not necessary but can be used to help with humidity levels. Paper towel or newspaper works well.

### Food/Water/Supplements

Day geckos are insectivore. They eat a variety of insects including: crickets, mealworms and other small insects. They will also readily eat gecko diets like Repashy and Pangea. Dust insects with calcium and vitamins every 2<sup>nd</sup> feeding. Provide a fresh bowl of water daily.

### Humidity

General humidity of the enclosure should be kept at 50-70%. Misting once or twice a day is generally enough.

### Shelter

Provide lots of plants, branches and hides for your day gecko to hide in. They are arboreal and will hide in the plants.

### Shedding

Day geckos will shed their skin approximately every four to eight weeks. Prior to each shed the gecko will start to appear dull in coloration. Shedding typically takes a few hours to complete and while you may see some of the shed skin at the bottom of the cage, it is often eaten immediately by the gecko. If your gecko has any unshed skin, which can happen in areas like the toes, we suggest letting your gecko soak in a shallow container of lukewarm water for 15-30 minutes. You can then assist the process by gently removing the skin using tweezers. Alternatively to soaking in water, there is a product called "Repti Shedding Aid" that works well.

### Disclaimer

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