



Brown Basilisk

Common Name: Brown Basilisk

Scientific Name: *Basiliscus basiliscus*

General Info: Brown Basilisks can be found in Southern Central America. Males grow to be about thirty inches and have enlarged crests on their head, back, and tail. Females are much smaller. Male basilisks should be kept separated from other males; they can be very territorial.

Temperature: The temperature for basilisks should be kept between seventy-five and eighty-eight degrees Fahrenheit during the day and sixty-five to seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit at night.

Lighting: Full spectrum lighting and U.V. radiation is needed for the long-term maintenance.

Feeding/Watering: Brown Basilisks are nutrient and vitamin fed crickets, mealworms, baby mice, and various fruits and vegetables. You may need to provide a large $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ water section for drinking, soaking, and defecation. Clean daily.

Habitat/Housing: Thirty gallon tanks can home babies and juveniles, but you will need a large custom-built enclosure for adult basilisks. Landscape by creating shelters and basking areas with driftwood, rocks, hollow logs, etc.

Other Notes: The Green Basilisk and the Banded Basilisk can be maintained by similar conditions.