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### **Giant Day Gecko/Day Gecko**

**Common Name:** Giant Day Geckos

**Scientific Name:** *Phelsuma madagascariensis*

**General Info:** The Giant Day Gecko is found in Madagascar and can grow to be ten inches. They are fairly good tempered, but they can also be nervous. Males are very territorial and can be aggressive to other males. Females have fatty calcium deposits on both sides of the neck while males have preanal and femoral pores with a broader head.

**Temperature:** Giant Day Geckos require temperatures to range from seventy-six to eighty-eight degrees Fahrenheit during the day and sixty-two to seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit at night. Humidity is provided by various watering systems.

**Lighting:** Full spectrum lighting and U.V. radiation is required for the long-term maintenance of the Day Geckos.

**Feeding/Watering:** These creatures are nutrient and vitamin fed crickets, mealworms, spiders, honey, and sweet fruits and nectars. You are recommended to provide fresh water daily in a flat dish. A drip system should also be used along with daily misting of enclosure.

**Habitat/Housing:** A minimum of a twenty gallon terrarium can house a pair of Giant Day Geckos. Thirty to fifty-five gallon terrarium is required for larger groups. Landscape by creating shelters with rocks, branches, and lots of live or artificial plants.

**Other Info:** All the other species of Day Geckos can be maintained under these similar conditions.