

## CRESTED GECKO

**Behavior:** The crested gecko is nocturnal and will spend most of the day hiding. They are leapers and will often jump from one perch to another. They are hardy and easy to care. They are frog-like when being handled but will tolerate it. Their tail has a “sticky” part on the end that allows them to use it as another toe. They have the ability to drop their tail but it will not regenerate.



**Experience Level:** Beginner.

**Adult Size:** 5 to 8 inches.

**Life Expectancy:** 5 to 10 years.

**Ambient Temperature:** 75F.

**Basking Temperature:** 80F max, they don't require a basking light as long as the ambient temperature is warm enough.

**Light:** UV is not needed but recommended, it is good to provide a day/night cycle.

**Humidity:** 40-60%

**Food:** Crickets, mealworms, waxworms, butterworms, sweet baby foods (peach, banana, apricot). There are also specialty foods specifically formulated for the crested gecko.

**Minimum Cage Size:** 10 gallon.

**Habitat:** They are arboreal so provide lots of branches and vegetation for them to hide in.

**Substrate:** Mulch, bark, moss.

**Maintenance:** Change water and clean feces daily. A full cage cleaning should be done once a month.

**Basic Requirements:** Enclosure with secure lid, undertank heater and/or heat lamp, substrate, water dish, thermometer, hygrometer, spray mister, decorations & vegetation, vitamin/mineral supplements.