



Care Sheet

SHINGLE-BACK LIZARD

Trachydosaurus rugosus



KEEPING SNAPSHOT

Difficulty:	Beginner - Intermediate
Max Growth Size:	41cm
Temperament:	Docile. Will become tame with regular handling.
Licensing:	Private Wildlife (Basic) Licence

HABITAT

Heating:	27 - 32 degrees C with a basking spot heated to 36 degrees C
Lighting:	UVA / UVB (Exo Terra 10.0 globes recommended)
Environment:	Sandy desert style terrain with sparse native vegetation. Provide a hide and leaf litter for shelter.

RANGE

South-west WA, widely distributed throughout South Australia, western Victoria, south-west Queensland, western NSW.

FEEDING

Mainly fruit and vegetables such as carrot, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, apple, melon, banana, strawberries. Occasional strips of meat (i.e. beef heart).

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The short round tail of this species is supposed to look like a second head - a diversion tactic used when dealing with predators.

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