

# Asian Flying Gecko Care Sheet

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## **Facts:**

The Flying Gecko, also known as moderately sized lizard, the Flying Gecko can reach up to eight inches in length. Males can be distinguished from females by their lack of visible pores. Flying Geckos have a thin fold of skin that extends from the feet up the sides of their bodies. This flap of skin is what enables the Flying Gecko to glide.

The Thick-Fingered Gecko, is thought by many aficionados to be the most interesting of all the arboreal gecko species. They are attractive, entertaining little animals. Although its name would suggest otherwise, the Flying Gecko cannot fly. They will, however, glide from tree to tree (or branch to branch) when disturbed or hungry. The Flying Gecko is an arboreal species, meaning it spends most of its time in trees. They are nocturnal and are rarely, if ever, active during the day. Flying Geckos feed primarily on insects. They are shy animals and are usually hiding. The Flying Gecko blends in well with plants, soil, and bark, a natural defense mechanism against predators. While the average life of a Flying Gecko is around three years, some can live eight years or longer.

Males can become territorial, separate from other males. Hyperactive and hard to hold. Provide dense foliage. This species is nocturnal (active primarily at night).

## **Diet / Feeding:**

There is a wide variety of food for this gecko like: crickets, mealworms, wax worms, flies etc. Some geckos also eat small pinky mice or small lizards.

You should dust(vitamin) your cricket box or cage at all feedings.

## **Housing:**

Terrarium with clean soil, tropical house plants and wood pieces. This gecko acclimates to captivity if the cage has a lot of cover (plants, house, wood). For shelter use empty coconut shell, wood against the back wall so it is away from human eyes. You should have a large bowl for soaking and drinking.

Good lighting is recommended if u have live plants. You should have the lighting a schedule that can vary seasonally for a little as 8 hours of daylight to as much as 14 hours.

## **Temperature:**

You should keep a temperature at about 82-88F. The night temperatures drop to about 70F TEMPERATURES HIGHER THAN 88 CAN BE USED BUT FOR NOT A LONG TIME! I would not use a hot rock the gecko rarely uses it. The humidity should be high because they are forest dwellers. Daily spray with mister and a large water bowl. If you get a soil base and live plants will help keep the humidity up. You should have some dry areas. You need air to come in the cage; too much humidity is dangerous so make sure you have ventilation or your pet will get sick!