

Emerald Swift Care Sheet

Description: Male Emerald Swift lizards are green in color with a tint of blue in their body.

Sometimes their entire belly is bright blue in color.

Scientific Name: Sceloporus Malachiticus

Lifespan: 5 to 8 years Average Size: 6 to 8 inches Origin: Central America

Feeding

Although the Emerald Swift is classified as omnivorous, the majority of its diet should be a combination of insects. A wide variety of insects can be used including crickets, mealworms and waxworms.

Ensure that on a weekly basis their food contains both a calcium and multivitamin supplement dusted on it before feeding.

Habitat

Humidity: Keep the humidity level at approximately 60% in the habitat of your Emerald

Swift.

Lighting: You will need a good source of full-spectrum light that contains both UVA

and UVB light rays. This light should be provided to your Emerald Swift for

approximately 12 to 14 hours per day.

Physical Design: Since these lizards love to climb they will need a variety of plants and

branches throughout their enclosure that will allow them to do this.

Size: An aquarium tank that is at least 30 gallons in volume will be needed for the

Emerald Swift.

Substrate: Since the Emerald Swift enjoys burrowing in the wild you should give them a

substrate that allows them to do this in captivity.

Temperature: 75 degrees F to 80 degrees F is the perfect temperature for Emerald Swifts

during the day. You will also want to provide them with a basking spot that reaches 95 degrees F. During the night the temperature should drop to

between 65 degrees F and 70 degrees F.