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**Common Name:** Marbled Gecko

**Latin name:** *Christinus marmoratus*\*

\* This species was formerly described as *Gekko marmoratus*. The WNYHS uses ISIS as a standard for describing species.

**Native to:** Australia

**Size:** Up to 8 inches

**General appearance:** The marbled gecko is a robust gecko with a tan to olive base color with white blotches. Occasional black blotches are also present giving the gecko a marbled appearance. These geckos also have lamanae on their toes allowing them to climb sheer surfaces, including glass.

## **Housing requirements:**

**Enclosure:** This gecko requires at least a 20-gallon aquarium with a secure lid.

**Temperature:** Daytime temperatures should be maintained at 75° to 85° F with basking temperatures of 90° to 95° F. Nighttime temperatures should be maintained at 70° to 75° F.

**Heat/Light:** Since these are nocturnal geckos, UVA and UVB lighting is not required though a 12-hour photoperiod should be provided with a standard incandescent or florescent bulb. The temperature of the enclosure can be maintained with under-the-tank heaters. Basking spots can be provided with the use of ceramic emitters and basking bulbs. Hot rocks are not recommended due to the inability to control the temperature and the possibility of burns.

**Substrate:** Substrates such as Bed-a-Beast™, Lizard Litter™, or indoor/outdoor carpeting like AstroTurf™ all can make excellent substrates.

**Environment:** These are arboreal geckos and branches should be provided for climbing. Hiding places should also be provided. Humidity levels should be maintained at approximately 75%.

**Diet:** These geckos can be fed crickets, mealworms, and waxworms. Adult males have also been known to eat pinkie mice. Occasionally fruit baby food can be offered. All uneaten food items should be removed in four to six hours to prevent spoilage.

**Maintenance:** The enclosure should be spot cleaned daily. If using indoor/outdoor carpeting it is recommended that you have at least a second piece available to swap with the soiled for ease of cleaning. A 5% bleach solution can be used to disinfect the enclosure as needed. Be sure to rinse and dry everything thoroughly before using. Water should be changed daily. Daily handling is not recommended for this species due to the fact that they are often easily stressed.

## **Other references or recommended reading:**

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