

Differences between our species

	Painted Agama	Saharan Uromastyx	Sudanese Uromastyx	Ornate Uromastyx	Arabian Blue Uromastyx	Rainbow Uromastyx	Egyptian Uromastyx	Moroccan Uromastyx
	Stellagama stellio salehi	Uromastyx geyri	Uromastyx ocellata	Uromastyx ornata ornata	Uromastyx ornata philbyi	Uromastyx yemenensis	Uromastyx aegyptia	Uromastyx nigriventris
Level of Difficulty	Beginner	Beginner	Intermediate	Beginner	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Beginner
Size (adult)	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	X-Large	Medium
Growth	Medium	Medium	Slow	Medium	Slow	Medium	Medium	Medium
Sexual Dimorphism	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
Cost of the Animal	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	High	Medium	Medium
Cost of the Food	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low
Diet	Omnivorous	100% Herbivorous	100% Herbivorous	100% Herbivorous	100% Herbivorous	100% Herbivorous	100% Herbivorous	100% Herbivorous
Lifestyle	Diurnal	Diurnal	Diurnal	Diurnal	Diurnal	Diurnal	Diurnal	Diurnal
Habitat Type	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Required Temperature	Medium	Really High	High	Really High	High	High	Really High	Really High
Acclimatization Time	Medium	Medium	Long	Short	Medium	Medium	Medium	Short
Taming Time	Medium	Medium	Long	Short	Medium	Medium	Short	Short
Wake up Time	Short	Long	Medium	Long	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Interactivity	High	High	Medium	High	High	High	High	High
Tolerance to Handling	High	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	High	High
Activity Level when Handled	Active	Active	Really Active	Active	Active	Really Active	Active	Active
Behavior when Handled	Stay on us	Always Moving	Always Moving	Always Moving	Always Moving	Always Moving	Always Moving	Always Moving
Activity Level in the Terrarium	Really Active	Active	Really Active	Less Active	Active	Really Active	Really Active	Active
Behavior in the Terrarium	Climb a lot	Climb	Climb a lot	Climb	Climb	Climb a lot	Climb less	Climb less
Possibility of Cohabitation	Yes, easy	Yes, easy	Yes, possible	Not Recommended	Yes, possible	Yes, possible	Yes, possible	Yes, possible
Lifespan	Medium	Long	Long	Long	Long	Long	Really Long	Long

Definitions:

Level of Difficulty: **Beginner** = Ideal as a first lizard.

Intermediate = Ideal for an owner with some experience (but also suitable for serious beginners, patients and willing to learn).

Expert = Only suits those with some experience.

Small = 0-25cmSize (adult):

Medium = 25-40cm,

Large = 41-60cm,

X-Large = 61-80cm,

Growth (to reach adult size):

Slow = > 4 years,

Medium = 1-4 years,

Fast = < 1 year,

Sexual Dimorphism (when adult):

Low =Few differences in color or shape between sexes. **Medium** = Mediums difference in color between sexes.

High = High difference in color between sexes.

Cost of the Animal:

Low = 0-200\$.

Medium = 201-399\$.

High = 400-600\$,

Cost of the Food (for one year):

Low = 0-200\$.

Medium = 201-399\$.

High = 400-600\$.

Diet:

100% Herbivorous = Diet generally better accepted by families and easier to offer.

Omnivorous = Diet that included plants and live insects, that you need to buy, keep at home and take care of. 100% Insectivorous = Diet that included only live insects, that you need to buy, keep at home and take care of.

Lifestyle:

Diurnal = The activity period of the animal is during daytime.

Nocturnal = The activity period of the animal is during nighttime.

Habitat Type:

Dry = The habitat must remain dry, so no spraying is necessary...

Humid = The habitat must remain humid, so you either need to spray daily or have a humidity control system.

Required Temperature (at the basking spot):

Wake up Time* (from the time lamps go ON):

Medium = 40° C.

High = $40-45^{\circ}$ C,

Really High = > 45°C,

Acclimatization Time*:

Short = 1 week.

Medium = 1-4 weeks.

Long = > 4 weeks, **Long** = > 4 weeks,

Taming Time*:

Short = 1 week, **Short** = < 1 hour.

Medium = 1-4 weeks. Medium = 1-2 hours.

Long = > 2 hours,

Interactivity:

High = Comes to us without the need to offer surprises to him, interacts with us (can come into our hands by himself).

Medium = Come to us if we offer surprises, but not much interaction without motivation.

Low = Do not come to us; is independent.

Tolerance to Handling:

High = Accepts and sometime even appreciates manipulations, once well acclimatized and well tamed.

Medium = Tolerate handling, once well acclimatized and well tamed.

Low = Do not really tolerate manipulation; more a kind of lizard to observe in his terrarium.

Activity Level when Handled:

Inactive = Lizard rather inactive during handling, which makes it easier for inexperienced people. Active = Lizard that stay somewhat active during handling, so be attentive to him when handled.

Really Active = Lizard that remains really active during handling, so always keep an eye on him when handled.

Behavior when Handled:

Stay Put = Lizard that stay put in their hands during handling.

Stay on us = Don't stay in our hands, but roams around and stay on our arms or shoulders.

Always Moving = Don't stay in our hands, and move almost continuously

Activity Level in the Terrarium:

Really Active = Species that really move a lot during a day; really interesting to watch in a terrarium.

Active = Species that move a lot during a day; really interesting to watch in a terrarium.

Less Active = Species that don't really move a lot during a day; less interesting to watch in a terrarium. **Inactive** = Species that don't move during the day other than to eat; less interesting to watch in a terrarium.

Behavior in the Terrarium:

Climb a lot = A species that climb a lot and really well; really interesting to watch in a terrarium. Climb = A species that climb but that is not really agile; interesting to watch in a terrarium.

Climb less = A species that don't really climb and often stay on the ground; less interesting to watch in a terrarium.

Possibility of Cohabitation:

Yes, easy = Generally easily done, if respecting the basic rules of cohabitation.

Yes possible = Possible, but not easy and not guaranteed to work out, and only if the terrarium is really well setup to favor cohabitation.

Not Recommended = Either really difficult and reserved for experts or plainly impossible. At your own risks!

Lifespan:

Really Long = > 25 years,

Long = 15-25 years,

Medium = 10-15 years,

Short = < 10 years,

^{*} These times depend on several factors and are only an approximation for comparison purposes.