

Peach-Throat Monitor Care Guide

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Basic Info

Species: *Varanus jobiensis* (Peach-Throat Monitor)

Lifespan: 10-20+ years in captivity

Adult Size: 3-4.5 feet

Temperament: Fast, alert, and intelligent; can be tamed with consistent handling

Best for: Intermediate to advanced keepers familiar with monitors

Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- Babies: 40-75 gallon enclosure minimum
- Adults: Custom 6x3x4 ft or larger with height for climbing
- Secure and escape-proof enclosure is critical

Temperature & Heating:

- Basking spot: 130-140°F
- Ambient daytime temp: 80-90°F
- Cool side: 75-80°F
- Night: do not drop below 72°F
- Use basking bulbs, ceramic heaters, and thermostats

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-80% humidity
- Mist daily and include a moist hide or humid substrate section
- Digital hygrometer strongly recommended

Lighting:

- High-output UVB required (T5 HO 10.0 or Arcadia 12%)
- 12-hour day/night light cycle
- Basking shelf should be within proper UVB range (12-18 inches)

Substrate:

- 10-18 inches of topsoil, clay/soil mix, or bioactive substrate
- Must allow for digging and hold humidity without staying wet

Décor & Enrichment:

- Strong branches, climbing logs, basking platforms, cork bark
- Multiple hides and a large water dish or tub for soaking

Diet & Feeding

Feeding Frequency:

- Babies: Feed daily
- Adults: Feed 3-4x/week

Diet:

- Variety is key: insects (roaches, crickets, BSFL), rodents, chicks, fish, snails
- Eggs (raw or cooked), shellfish, and lean meat as occasional options
- Avoid dog/cat food, fatty meat, or large prey too frequently

Supplementation:

- Calcium with D3: 2-3x/week
- Multivitamin: 1x/week
- Gut-load all feeder insects before feeding

Water & Hydration:

- Provide a water dish large enough for soaking
- Change water daily and keep it clean

Handling & Behavior

Handling:

- Start slow - these monitors are fast and shy
- Use a hook and gloves until accustomed to handling
- Support full body and allow exploration outside the enclosure

Behavior to Expect:

- Diurnal, intelligent, and inquisitive
- Will dig, bask, swim, and climb regularly
- Can form bonds over time with calm, routine handling

Supplies Checklist

- Large enclosure (minimum 6x3x4 ft for adults)
- UVB lighting and intense basking heat source
- Deep diggable substrate
- Digital thermostat, thermometer, and hygrometer
- Misting system or daily spray bottle use
- Wide variety of feeder items (insects, prey, meat)
- Calcium and vitamin supplements
- Strong climbing decor and a soaking tub

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