

# *Rough Green Snake*

Latin Name	<i>Ophedrys aestivus</i>
Native to	Southeastern United States
Maximum Length	2½ feet
Life Span	5–8 years
Enclosure	Use screen-top terrarium, preferably tall for arboreal species. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 gallon for single small snake</li><li>• 20 gallon for 1–2 mature snakes</li></ul> Provide shelter such as a half-log, cork wood, mopani wood, plants, branches.
Substrate	cypress mulch (Forest Floor), orchid bark (ReptiBark), or coconut fiber (EcoEarth)
Temperature	ambient, day: 70–82°F, night: 65–75°F infrared heat lamp, heating pad
Light	diurnal UVA fluorescent lamp (NaturSun or ReptiSun) for 10–12 hours daily
Humidity	subtropical, 65–75% Mist plants and substrate 2–3 times daily.
Water	Provide purified water in a small shallow dish. Misting plants creates drinkable droplets on leaves.
Food	insectivorous/carnivorous Feed 1–2 times weekly: crickets May sometimes offer other farmed insects such as mealworms or dubia roaches.
Shed Cycle	every 4–8 weeks
Sexing	Maturity reached at 1½–2½ years old (when about 20 inches long). Females are generally longer than males. ▲ While probing the cloacal scale is more accurate for sexing, there is a high risk of causing serious injury to the snake. (Not recommended for beginners.)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Remove waste and uneaten crickets.</li><li>■ Clean water dish, replace water.</li><li>■ Mist plants and substrate.</li><li>■ Feed crickets twice weekly.</li></ul>