

Species Spotlight Saturday

Lets kick off something new this week! The goal of this will be to help expose younger/newer herp-enthusiasts to species they otherwise likely wouldn't know exist.

New keepers often come into the hobby and become narrowly focused on one species or a small group of similar species. But there's so much more out there to explore. Join broad groups, expand your scope.

You don't have to jump in and breed everything. You can keep multiple things that you simply like observing. Especially while you learn everything you can about what you would eventually like to breed.

Pictured is an adult *Sphaerodactylus macrolepis*, a micro gecko species native to Puerto Rico, with certain subspecies having established invasive populations in Florida. These guys inhabit primarily leaf litter and brush, and in the lower areas of trees. The habitat is nearly always moist/humid. Being so small, they will feed rather well on microfauna typically used for bioactive enclosures, such as springtails, and dwarf white isopods. They typically do fine at the warmer end of room temperature ~72-78F, but do like a small basking area that is slightly warmer.



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