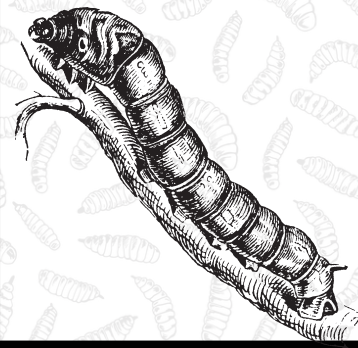


SILKWORMS

(BOMBYX MORI)

- LIVE INSECT FEEDERS // CARE GUIDE



TEMPERATURE + STORAGE

Silkworms should be stored around 55°F - 72°F (room temperature). The higher the temperature they are stored at, the faster they will grow (much like Hornworms). They should not be kept below 50°F as they can begin to perish when kept too cold. The container they are shipped in will suffice as an appropriate home for the silkworms. They need to be kept humid but do not need any water beyond what is required to keep humidity above 60% and their food fresh. They do not require any special lighting. Periodically remove waste from their container to keep their space clean and prevent contamination of their food source.

DIET + NUTRITION

In captivity, their natural diet is mulberry leaves. The worms will be shipped in a cup containing a specialized silkworm food, which is also a mulberry slurry. Silkworms can be very long-lived with proper care. Ensure their food stays moist and does not dry out. If providing mulberry leaves, ensure that fresh leaves are constantly present in their container. The silkworms will not eat dried up leaves and will not eat any other kind of greens.

ADDITIONAL + INFORMATION

They are no longer found in the wild, with all current *Bombyx mori* populations being captive bred. This is due to the high level of genetic modification they have undergone through human intervention. However, several living relatives to this silk moth exist in the old natural region. Silkworms are a high protein, low-fat feeder and are an excellent staple to introduce to your reptile's nutritional rotation.



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