



Blue Tongue Skink

Tiliqua scincoides intermedia



Physical Characteristics:

They are a beautifully banded reptile with smooth shiny skin. The tongue is a bright blue color .

Habitat / Climate

Savannah/ Tropical
woodland

Where am I from?

I am native to Australia and Indonesia and parts of New Guinea. I am a shy secretive animal and prefer to stay hidden. I live in a range of habitats from rain forest to dry forest and open scrub land. I will hide in hollow logs or under leaves at night.



Other family members:

Virginia Skink
Five lined Skink
Otago Skink
Western Skink

Who are my relatives?

I am a reptile of the order *Squamata* and the family Scincidae.
All other skinks are related to me.



Breeding Potential

Litter size? 5-18 young

Number of offspring per year?

How am I born?

My parents will breed once a year and produce as many as 5-20 young in a litter. We are ovoviviparous, which means the young develop in membranes inside the mother, then are born live after about a 3-5 months gestation. I will be about 15 cm at birth and will grow to about 50 cm.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live?

We are miniature adults when we are born and are sustained by our yolk which is absorbed into the abdominal cavity prior to birth. After several days we begin to feed on slow moving insects and lick fruits when they are available. I will reach sexual maturity at about 2 years and may live as long as 18 - 20 years.

Breeding Season

F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
E	A	P	A	U	U	A	E	O	O	E
B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V	C

What kind of family life do I have?

I am precocial which means I am on my own from the time of my birth. We are solitary for most of the year coming together Male/Female to mate in September-November. Pair bonding may occur over the years, which means my parents may stay together after they have mated several years in a row.

Names for:

Adult male:
Adult female:
Young:
Group:

What do I eat and when do I eat?

We are diurnal, which means we are active during the day. I am an omnivore eating many different types of food such as insects, snails, carrion, wild flowers, native fruits and berries

Predator



Who are my predators?

My predators include kookaburras, raptors and snakes. I can shed my tail to escape predators. When I am threatened I will open my mouth wide and stick out my blue tongue to try to scare my predator away.

What is the history of my relationship to man?

