

Schneider's Skink

Eumeces schneideri

CARE SHEET



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Average Size 12 - 16 inches long **Average Life Span** 15 – 20 years

Diet Schneider's Skinks are omnivores, although they eat mostly insects. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, superworms, and cockroaches. Adult skinks can eat small pinkie mice in moderation. Vegetation includes turnip greens, collard greens, mustard greens, and fruit in small amounts.

Feeding Feed babies daily. Adults should also eat daily, although they will likely eat less than a baby. Feed an 80/20 mix of insects and vegetation. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

Housing Schneider's Skinks may be kept alone or in pairs. Never house two males together in the same tank. Two females generally get along well. A male and female will likely breed if housed together.

Size - An adult must have a minimum cage size of 30" Long x 12" Deep x 12" High, although many keepers prefer a larger cage.

Substrate - Schneider's Skink's love to dig and burrow. To accommodate this behavior, substrates such as ZooMed's Eco Earth are preferred. Eco Earth provides a fluffy substrate easy for burrowing and cleaning. Provide 3-6 inches of substrate.

Habitat - Schneider's Skink's are from Southwest Africa and Western Asia. They are ground dwellers and love to hide. Provide plenty of hiding places along with flat basking surfaces. Some keepers provide a humidity box to aid in shedding.

Temperature - A Schneider's Skink's basking spot should be 95° - 100°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Watering - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times. Misting the enclosure once daily to help with humidity.

Lighting - Since this is a diurnal species, it requires two light bulbs. One is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. The second is a UVB lamp. The UVB lamp will specifically say UVB on the box. If the box doesn't say UVB, its not UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.