

Pink-Tongued Skink



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Cyclodomorphus gerrardii*
- Origin: Eastern Australia
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 15-18 inches
- Life Span: upwards of 15 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Beginner

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a sturdy water bowl
- ✓ Provide a substrate that maintains humidity

HOUSING

Habistat Standard Vivarium 48x24x24" (HV4824)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

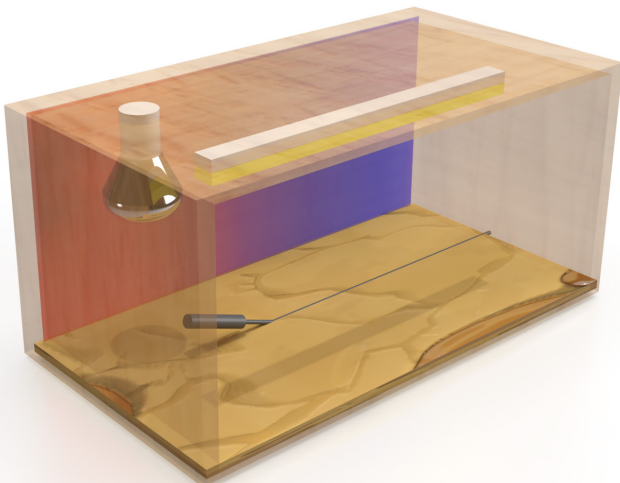


- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat (High Range)
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio or Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: Water-Bowl

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 23°C-25°C (74°F-77°F)
- Hot Spot: 32°C - 35°C (90°F-95°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-23°C (68°F-74°F)
- Humidity: 60% to 70%
- UVI: 3-4

Heating

Pink-Tongued Skins are a crepuscular species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period. The HabiStat 100w heat bulb (HBB100) should be set up using a ceramic bulb holder such as the Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP), which can be mounted on the roof of the vivarium.

The 100w heat bulb should be used in conjunction with a HabiStat dimming thermostat (HTDWHR)

and HabiStat Heater Guard (HHG24).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit 6% (RARTP39F) or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 Kit 6% (RARLZ39F) to the inside roof of the vivarium to provide realistic UVB levels within the vivarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances providing a UVI of 3-4.

Providing additional lighting via the Arcadia JungleDawn LED Bar (RAJDP4) or Arcadia LumenIZE JungleDawn LED Bar (RARLI4) will also be beneficial.

DIET & WATER

Ensure a Pink-Tongued Skink has a varied diet, with a mixture of insects.

Young/Juvenile - Several appropriately sized feeders 2 to 3 times per week such as:

- Crickets – 3rd
- Locust – Small Hopper
- Calci Worms

Adult – Several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – Large
- Locust – 3rd Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Large

The addition of Arcadia OmniGold (RAREPOG300) can be offered once or twice weekly and will offer more variety with similar ingredients to that of their wild diet.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Being a semi-fossorial and semi-arboreal species, a substrate where they can dig and burrow is essential. As well as, low level logs and branches to climb.
- Diet variety is vital, as Pink-Tongued Skinks like both insects and vegetation.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), or Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB500), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will also provide darker areas for the Skink to use as shelter.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as HabiStat Pure Calcium (HMC40), HabiStat Reptavite (HMRV40), HabiStat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.



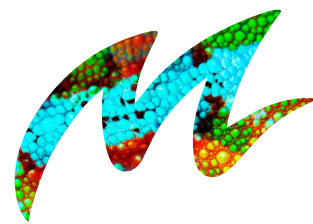
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Pink-Tongued Skink healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full substrate change	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Pink-Tongued Skink, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.



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DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp 32°C - 35°C (90°F-95°F)	Background Temp 23°C-25°C (74°F-77°F)	Humidity 60%-70%	UVI 3-4	Night Time Temp 18°C-23°C (68°F-74°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						