

Egyptian Sandfish Skink

Latin Name	Scincus scincus
Native to	North Africa, Middle East
Maximum Length	8 inches
Lifespan	6–10 years
Enclosure	Use a 10–20 gallon screen-top terrarium. Only pair females—males will fight. Provide shelter such as cork bark or half log.
Substrate	Use a granulated walnut shell (Zilla) or spherical calcium sand (Reptilite). Fill to 4–6 inches deep.
Temperature	day 70–82°F, basking 92–96°F, night 70–75°F infrared heat lamp, ceramic heat emitter, undertank heater
Light	diurnal UVB fluorescent lamp (ReptiSun) and basking lamp for 12–14 hours daily
Humidity	desert, 10–25%
Water	Provide clean purified water in a dish daily.
Food	insectivorous Offer crickets, mealworms, or dubia roaches every 1–2 days. Dust insects with calcium/multivitamin powder every third feeding.
Shed Cycle	varies, more frequent shedding in summer months
Sexing	males: comparatively larger tail females: comparatively smaller and lighter in color
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remove waste and food debris.▪ Rinse water dish and replace water.