

 4-10 years

 14 inches

 Intermediate

 80-95° F

 Insects, Worms



Fire skinks are typically regarded as being very shy, however, they are actually very active. They have distinct personalities and are easily handled. They make an excellent choice for beginners and experienced reptile keepers. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

#### TANK SET UP

Fire skinks need space to roam and climb. A 20 gallon long tank for a young skink, and a 40 gallon breeder for an adult are recommended. Horizontal space is more important than vertical, but the skinks do like to climb, so branches and greenery are necessities.

#### SUBSTRATE

Forest Floor bedding mixed with EcoEarth or coconut husk with sphagnum moss, is a proper substrate for the lizard, as they like to burrow. It is most important the substrate remains humid. If it gets too dry, it can create poor shed, respiratory infection, and improper digestion.

#### TEMPERATURE

Fire skinks, as with all reptiles, need a cool side and a hot side, with an ambient day temperature of 80-85°F. The basking spot should be 90-95°F. An under tank heat pad is needed on the hot side of the tank.

#### LIGHTING

Since fire skinks are burrowers, they do not require UVB lighting. However, they do require a hot side of their tank. A 60-75 Watt basking bulb, on the same side as the under tank heat pad, can help create proper heat and temperature.

#### HUMIDITY

Fire skinks need higher humidity, between 60%-70%. You can accomplish this by misting the substrate daily, and keeping the moss moisture high. With high humidity enclosures, you want to make sure mold doesn't build up under the water dish.

#### FEEDING

These skinks are voracious eaters of live food and will benefit from a varied diet. Crickets, mealworms, butterworms, dubia roaches, and waxworms are favorites. Dust all feeder insects with D3 Calcium.

#### ACCESSORIES

It is rare to see your fire skink in his water dish, nevertheless, offer a shallow dish of water at all times. This allows the skink to hydrate itself, helps ease the shed cycle, and increases humidity.