

## Species Fact Sheet



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### Blue-tongued Skink

*Tiliqua scincoides*

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**Habitat:** Grasslands, forests, rainforests and deserts

**Range:** Native to Australia and New Guinea

**Activity Cycle:** Diurnal-active during the day

**Size:** 17-24 inches long; weigh between 10-18 oz

**Social Structure:** Solitary, except when breeding

**Distinguishing Features:** The largest member of the skink family, with a broad, flat-tened body covered in smooth, overlapping scales  
Wide, triangular head  
Long, bright blue tongue

**Diet:** Omnivorous, eats both meat and vegetables  
Insects, snails, flowers, fruits and berries

**Life Span:** Up to 20 years

### **Did you know?**

***Blue tongued skinks defense is to stick out their tongues and hiss, hoping their predator will think they are poisonous because of the bright blue color.***