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## ASSORTED SKINKS

*Mabuya sp.*

**ORIGIN:** Skinks are found throughout the world in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. They are typically terrestrial and naturally inhabit forest floors covered with dense leaf litter.

**SIZE:** Skinks reach an average adult size of 8 to 12 inches. Males are typically slightly larger than females.

**CAGING:** Skinks may be successfully kept in a variety of plastic and glass enclosures. A 20-gallon aquarium is large enough to house 1 male and three adult females.

**SUBSTRATE:** Skinks can be kept on a variety of substrates including soil, mulch, and bark. The substrate should retain humidity, be easily cleaned, and enable the lizards to burrow.

**TEMPERATURE:** Skinks should be provided with a thermal gradient ranging from 80°F at one end of the cage to 95°F at the other. This is easily achieved by placing a heat light at one end of the enclosure.

**LIGHT:** Skinks require full-spectrum lighting to properly synthesize calcium and other vitamins. This can be provided with a variety of commercial light bulbs made for reptiles. A basking area must be provided with a heat lamp. Lights should be left on only during the day.

**WATER:** Skinks should be provided with fresh, clean water at all times. Use a water dish which allows the lizard to submerge its entire body and which is not easily overturned.

**DIET:** Skinks are primarily insectivorous. They feed on a variety of commercially available feeder insects including mealworms, crickets, and wax worms. Prior to feeding, insects should be dusted with a vitamin and mineral supplement powder for reptiles. Some species will occasionally eat sweet fruits.

### RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Enclosure as detailed above
- Heat lamp
- UV emitting light
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature at both ends of enclosure
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about skink husbandry
- Water dish
- Vitamin and mineral supplement
- Branches and rocks for climbing
- Hiding area such as cork bark or imitation rock

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Night light for nighttime viewing
- Live or artificial plants
- Decorative cage background

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