

Forest Scorpion Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: Black forest scorpion

Latin Name: ***Heterometrus spinifer***

Native To: India, Malaysia and Indonesia

Size: 4 - 5"

Life Span: 5 – 8 years

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Found throughout subtropical forested regions of Asia, enjoying moderate temperatures and high humidity.

Vivarium Size:

Forest scorpions will attain a maximum size of 5". A minimum size enclosure of 12x12x12" will house a single adult. These scorpions can be kept communally as long as there is adequate room, hiding places and food. For a pair we would recommend a minimum 24x12x12".

Substrate:

We recommend a slightly damp substrate of forest floor, mixed soil and sphagnum moss of minimum 2" depth. Not only will this provide a natural look to the vivarium, it will also help to raise the humidity. The ideal humidity for forest scorpions is 50% – 70%. Loose substrate such as forest floor will allow the scorpion to create burrows and display natural behaviours.

Food and Water:

Forest scorpions will need a shallow water bowl for drinking, we stress shallow as forest scorpions are not swimmers and can drown in deep dishes.

As with all scorpions and their spider cousins, forest scorpions are carnivorous and will prey upon appropriate sized insects. 2-3 insects per week is adequate food.

Heat/Light Requirements:

At night it is best to allow the temperature to drop 2-5°C to mimic the natural nightly temperature drop of the wild and to allow the scorpion to become active.

Lighting for your scorpion can be minimal, from a low wattage UV coil to a broad spectrum LED.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your forest scorpion:

Day: 22-26°C

Night: 18-22°C

FURTHER READING:

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