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Solomon Island Skink

Common Names: Solomon Island Green Tree Skink, Prehensile, Monkeytail Skink

Scientific Name: *Corucia zebrata*

General Info: The Solomon Island Skink is from the Solomon Islands and it can grow to be thirty inches long. These skinks are tame, but may become aggressive towards other skinks. Males tend to be thinner with a larger head than females.

Temperature: Daily temperatures should be set between 75 and 92 degrees Fahrenheit. Nightly temperatures should be around 68 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit. You may want to create moisture by providing them with a large tub of water.

Lighting: Skinks require full spectrum lighting and U.V. radiation.

Feeding/Watering: The Solomon Island Skink may eat bananas, tomatoes, strawberries, and many other fruits and vegetables. Moistened rabbit pellets, monkey chow, and dry dog food may also be fed to these skinks.

Habitat/Housing: A thirty gallon sized terrarium is recommended for housing these skinks. Adults may require a fifty-five gallon tank that should be elevated. Create various basking areas with branches, driftwood, hollow logs, or cork bark rounds.