

Forest Scorpion Care Sheet



Overview

- Scientific Name: *Heterometrus* sp.
- Origin: Southeast Asia
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 5 inches
- Life Span: 15 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Advanced

TOP TIPS

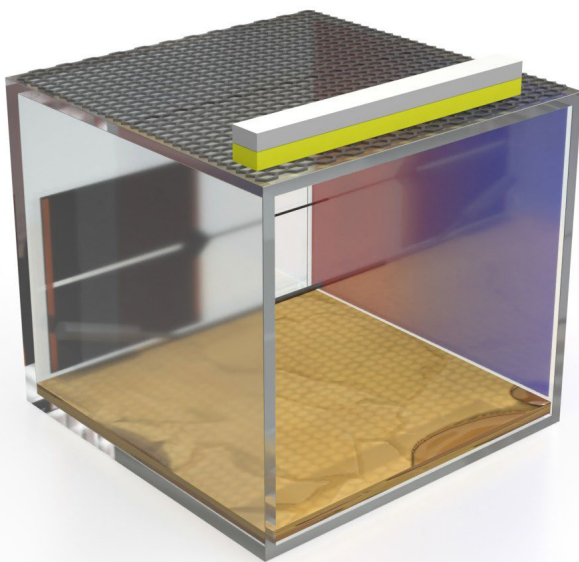
- ✓ Make sure to have a few inches of substrate to encourage burrowing
- ✓ Add a shall water bowl to the enclosure

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Lighting: LED
- Substrate: Spider Bedding, Jungle Bio, Arcadia EarthMix or similar
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT

Terrarium Setup



HOUSING

Glass Terrarium 30x30x32cm (HGT3032),
Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545)

RUNNING COSTS

- Average Cost: 3p Per Day
- Average kW per day: 0.091

Calculations are based on using the recommended timings, heating, and lighting provided throughout the care sheet, and the Electricity unit rate of 28p per kWh.

Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: Not Needed
- Background Temp: 21°C-26°C (69°F-79°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 15°C-20°C (59°F-68°F)
- Humidity: 70%-80%
- UVI: N/A

Heating

Forest Scorpions are a nocturnal species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Using a Heat Mat (HHM6) on the outside rear of the Terrarium running through a Mat Stat (HTMB1) will provide the needed heat.

Mat thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly, using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

While this species does not require UVB lighting, a day/night cycle is still needed.

Placing an Arcadia JungleDawn LED Bar (RAJDP1) or similar on the mesh roof of the terrarium will provide a day/night cycle when used for 8 to 12- hours a day.

DIET & WATER

Ensure Forest Scorpions are offered appropriately sized insects.

Young/Juvenile – 1 or 2 appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets – 3rd (LSB200)
- Locust – Small Hoppers (LSH20)
- Calci Worms – (LCW40)

Adult – 1 or 2 appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- House Brown Crickets – Large (LSL35)
- Locust – 3rd Hoppers (LMHC14)
- Dubia Roaches – Large (LDL8)

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Spider Bedding (HSS5), Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE5)
- Grapevine (HSGV), Cork Bark & Leaf Litter will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will also provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter
- A Forest Hideout (HSNFHM) filled with Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) will offer the Scorpion a humid area to use when needed.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Forest Scorpions need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Follow the on-pack instructions.

ADDITIONAL INFO

A Forest Scorpion can molt its exoskeleton 2 or 3 times a year, depending on how big it is and how quickly its growing. The best way to tell that your Scorpion is about to molt is:

They will look larger, go off food, or hide away. This can happen a few weeks prior to them molting.

Forest Scorpions will carry their young on their back until they molt for the first time, after which they will have to fend for themselves.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your animal healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your animal, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.

HANDLING & CARE

Handling is not recommended with this species as they can sting if they feel threatened.

Things to look out for that will need veterinary assistance:

- Molt (shedding) problems
- Going off food

Should your animal display any signs of distress, changes in regular behavior, or anything visually different, please seek help from your Reptile Veterinarian.

DATA MONITORING

Forest Scorpion *Heterometrus* sp. Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp Not required	Background Temp 21°C-26°C (69°F-79°F)	Humidity Day 70%-80%	UVI N/A	Night Time Temp 15°C-20°C (59°F-68°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						

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