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Blue-tongued Skink

Tiliqua scincoides

The tongue is a weapon of surprise. A blue-tongue does not display it constantly — it holds it hidden, and when a predator gets close it suddenly gapes and thrusts out a broad, shockingly blue tongue…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Scincidae
Habitat: Woodlands, grasslands, forests, and suburban areas
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 300-600 grams
Scientific name: Tiliqua scincoides

Did you know?

- Blue-tongued skinks can drop their tails as a defense mechanism, but unlike some lizards, the regrown tail is often shorter and less colorful.
- Blue-tongues are among the few lizards that can safely eat toxic prey items other reptiles avoid, and they are widely welcomed in gardens because the…

What I learned

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