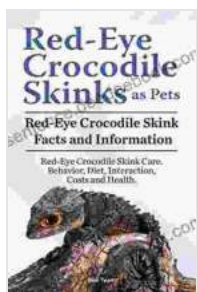


# Red Eye Crocodile Skink Owners Manual: Essential Information and Care Guide

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks (*Tribolonotus gracilis*) are striking, semi-arboreal lizards native to the rainforests of New Guinea and nearby islands. Known for their distinctive eye markings and vibrant coloration, these skinks have become popular pets among reptile enthusiasts. This comprehensive guide provides essential information and care recommendations for Red Eye Crocodile Skink owners, ensuring the well-being and longevity of these captivating animals.



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## Habitat

## Enclosure Size and Setup

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks require a spacious enclosure that mimics their natural habitat. A minimum enclosure size of 30 gallons (114 liters) is recommended for a single adult skink, with additional space required for multiple individuals. The enclosure should be equipped with a secure lid to prevent escape and allow for ventilation. Substrate options include a mixture of coconut husk, sphagnum moss, or orchid bark. Live plants can provide cover and enrichment, while branches and rocks offer opportunities for climbing and basking.

### **Temperature and Humidity**

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks thrive in warm, humid environments. The temperature gradient within the enclosure should range from 75-85°F (24-29°C), with a basking spot of 90-95°F (32-35°C). Nighttime temperatures can drop to 70-75°F (21-24°C). Humidity levels should be maintained between 60-80%. A hygrometer can be used to monitor humidity and ensure it remains within the desired range.

### **Lighting**

UVB lighting is essential for Red Eye Crocodile Skinks to synthesize vitamin D3, which is necessary for calcium absorption and bone health. A 5.0 or 10.0 UVB bulb should be provided for 12-14 hours per day. The bulb should be positioned 8-12 inches above the basking area.

### **Diet**

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks are primarily insectivores, with a diet consisting mainly of insects and other small invertebrates. Suitable live food options include crickets, roaches, dubia roaches, and mealworms. Gut-loading insects with nutritious foods, such as calcium powder, ensures the skink

receives essential vitamins and minerals. Adult skinks can also be offered occasional small rodents, such as pinkie mice or fuzzies.

Food should be offered 2-3 times per week, with the amount adjusted based on the skink's size and appetite. Juveniles may require more frequent feedings. Water should be provided in a shallow dish at all times.

## **Behavior**

### **Socialization and Handling**

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks are generally shy and docile creatures. However, with gentle and consistent handling, they can become more comfortable with humans. Handle skinks frequently for short periods, supporting them securely. Avoid grabbing the skink by the tail or picking them up suddenly.

### **Activity Patterns**

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks are nocturnal, meaning they are most active at night. During the day, they typically hide in their enclosures, becoming more active as the sun sets. Provide ample hiding places for the skink to retreat to when feeling threatened or for sleep.

## **Health and Veterinary Care**

### **Common Health Issues**

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks are generally hardy animals, but like all reptiles, they are susceptible to certain health issues. Common health problems include respiratory infections, skin infections, and metabolic bone disease. Regular veterinary checkups and prompt treatment are essential for maintaining the skink's health.

## **Parasite Prevention**

Parasites, such as intestinal worms, can be a significant health concern for Red Eye Crocodile Skinks. Regular fecal tests and deworming are recommended to prevent parasite infestation. New skinks should be quarantined before introducing them to an existing collection to minimize the risk of parasite transmission.

## **Brumation**

Red Eye Crocodile Skinks may brumate (a period of winter dormancy) during cooler months in the wild. However, in captivity, brumation is not necessary and can be stressful for the skink. Maintaining consistent environmental conditions throughout the year is generally recommended for pet Red Eye Crocodile Skinks.

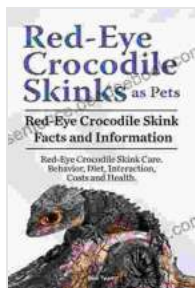
Red Eye Crocodile Skinks are fascinating and rewarding pets for experienced reptile enthusiasts. By providing the proper habitat, diet, and care, owners can ensure these unique animals thrive and bring years of enjoyment. This comprehensive guide provides essential information and recommendations for Red Eye Crocodile Skink owners, empowering them to create an optimal environment for their beloved skinks.

## **Additional Resources**

- [Red-Eyed Crocodile Skink Care Sheet - Reptiles Magazine](#)
- [Red-Eyed Crocodile Skink Care: Tips and Advice - The Spruce Pets](#)
- [Red-Eyed Crocodile Skinks - Kingsnake](#)

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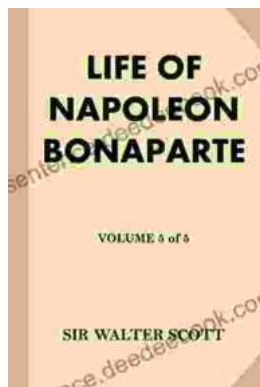
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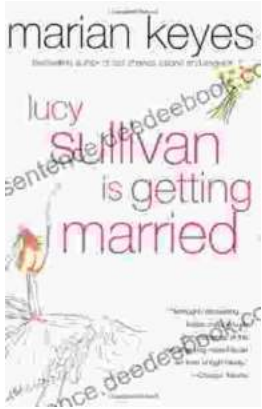
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