

# THE WOOD SCORPION BEGINNERS KIT



I love wood scorpions! They are feisty little scorpions with attitude, and that is why you need to be extra careful when handling them. They can be aggressive when provoked, so please do not handle them with your bare hands! Always use forceps (tweezers) or gently encourage them to move where you want them to go, by steering them with your tweezers.

Your kit comes with :

- a Bug Frenzy clear-view enclosure
- Substrate premix (30% Coco-peat and 70% Desert Sand)
- Leaf Litter
- Bark Hides
- Spray Bottle
- Tweezers
- UV Keyring
- 10 Feeder Crickets (X-small)
- 1 x Wood Scorpions (*Cercophonius squama*)

## Setup Instructions:

### Step 1

Place the substrate in the bottom of the enclosure, gently patting it down so that it is slightly compacted. You want at least 3cm worth of substrate. Wood scorpions like to bury themselves under the substrate during the day and it can be hard to find them sometimes as they don't always leave evidence where their burrow may be! In the wild, they spend most of the summer in their burrows rather than roaming, and is most active during the winter months.

### Step 2

Place the bark hides in the substrate, pushing them down gently so that they are embedded. Leave enough space for the scorpion to crawl underneath it.

### Step 3

Take the leaf litter and spread it evenly around the enclosure. Wood scorpions love leaf litter and they feel safe when they can roam around at night, looking for prey, with a leaf litter canopy above them.

### Step 4

Your enclosure is now ready to receive the scorpion. You need to be careful when removing her from her Sphagnum Moss container. She has been stuck in there for a day or two and could be grumpy by now. Use the UV light to detect her if you are finding it hard to see her. Gently place her into the enclosure using your tweezers, or gently tip her into the enclosure by holding the travel container closely above the leaf litter. When she is inside, give her a couple of minutes to explore and settle down.

### Step 5

Add some of the sphagnum moss to one corner of the enclosure. Spray it with a little bit of water. You will need to spray this moss twice a week to keep it moist.

## Step 6

Place the lid on the enclosure – although wood scorpions can't climb out against smooth surfaces, they are good at stretching up, standing almost on their tails and could reach the top of the container in the corners if they tried really hard! So, to prevent escapees, keep the lid on at all times.

## Step 7

The crickets will need some a fresh carrot slice to feed and hydrate them while they are waiting to be next in line to feed our scorpions. You can keep them in the container that they came in, but we recommend upgrading their enclosure to something slightly bigger. Just be aware that they are excellent jumpers and can jump out of a container that does not have high walls, or a lid.

## Step 8

Now you are all set. Your scorpion would have been fed recently, so do not panic when you try and feed them the first time (preferably after sunset) and they are not hungry. Feeding them once a week is recommended. Never leave crickets more than a day in the enclosure, uneaten. They could irritate the scorpions.

You will need to keep an eye on the moisture levels of the soil and leaf litter as well. When the soil becomes too dry, you will need to remove the leaf litter and spray it with some water. Try to keep the leaf litter relatively dry as you do not want mould to grow. Adding springtails to your enclosure will prevent mould build-up. Alternatively, make sure you air the enclosure often – supervised ofcourse.

We hope you enjoy your wood scorpion as much as we do!

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