



Fourth Crossing Wildlife factsheet



Blue-tongued Lizard

scientific name
" *Tiliqua scincoides* "

other names
Blue-tongued Skink, Eastern Blue-Tongue,
Northern Blue-tongue



<https://mol.org/species/>

Description

Alternating pale and dark bands from shoulders to tail. Thick tail. Smooth scales. Short limbs with five short digits on each foot. Often has a stripe from eye to ear. Vivid blue tongue.

The Blue-tongued Lizard is one of Australia's most familiar lizards and can be found throughout most of the country. There are six subspecies of the genus *Tiliqua*, including the Western Blue-tongue, the Southern Blue-tongue, the Pygmy Blue-tongue and the Central Blue-tongue, the Shingleback Lizard and the Eastern Blue-tongue (also known as the Northern Blue-tongue) which is pictured above. *Tiliqua scincoides scincoides* occupies the eastern portion of the range and *Tiliqua scincoides intermedia* extends across the north. The lizards diet consists of both plant and animal material, including flowers, fruits foliage, snails, crickets and eggs. Blue-tongued Lizards breed in summer time and give birth to litters of live young. Up to 18 young can be born at one time.