

Skinks



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So, what is a skink? For starters, skinks make up the largest family of lizards. They are classified as reptiles along with snakes, alligators, crocodiles, and turtles. Skinks have smooth shiny scales and water-tight protective skin.

Skinks and other reptiles, even sea snakes and sea turtles, breathe using lungs throughout their life. They also will lay their eggs outside of the water. Reptiles produce amniotic eggs that permit embryonic development on land with a protective outer layer such as a brittle or leathery shell.

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