

# Skinks



Photo by Sarah Rayner

**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.

Reptiles 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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