

Legless Lizard



What does the Legless Lizard Look Like?

Legless Lizards have no limbs (no legs, thus being a 'legless lizard!'). They are brown in coloration with dark stripes on their backs and sides. They have a lighter belly. This allows them to blend in well when they are in grassy areas.

A legless lizard's tail makes up almost 2/3's of its length. Males grow larger than females. Legless Lizards are 22-36 inches in length.

What is the Legless Lizards Habitat?

Legless Lizards typically live in open grassland, prairie, and woodland edges. When disturbed, they can escape into burrows of small mammals.

Legless Lizards will nest beneath the ground in dens. The female lays 6-17 eggs in June or July and she guards the eggs until they hatch.

What Does the Legless Lizard Eat?

Legless Lizards eat insects, spiders, snails, eggs (of other reptiles), small snakes and lizards.





Cool Facts about the Legless Lizard

Legless Lizards are also known as Glass Lizards, because they can easily lose their tails when grabbed. When the tail breaks, it can break into several squirming parts. The animal's predator will focus attention on the wiggling tail while the lizard escapes. The tail will grow back, but just not as long as the original!

These lizards are good burrowers. They have external ear openings on the side of the head, movable eyelids, and scales that make them different from snakes.