



## emperor scorpion

**NAME:** *Pandinus imperator*

**FROM:** Africa

**EATS:** Insects and small vertebrates

**SIZE:** Up to 20cm in length

**AGE:** Between 5 and 8 years

**SEXING:** Males have larger pincers

**HOUSING:** Best kept alone

The Emperor scorpion gives birth to live young and these are carried on the back of the female until they're ready to disperse.

Although a sting from an Emperor scorpion may be painful, this species has large pincers indicating that it's venom is not potent.

Scorpions glow bright blue/green under UV light and this method can be used when searching for them in the wild.

They inhabit both tropical forest and open savannas where they burrow beneath the soil and hide beneath rocks and debris. They also often burrow into termite mounds.



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