

YOORN



Animal Tracks

Common name
Bobtail Lizard

Traditional name
Yoorn

Scientific name
Tiliqua rugosa

The Yoorn is a species of blue-tongued skink. Its body is heavily armoured with large, rough scales, offering some protection from predators. It has a triangular head and a bright blue tongue!

Yoorns are non-venomous, but it's still important to give them some space if you see them out in nature!

Where do they live?

Yoorns are found throughout Western Australia and are commonly seen in urban and bushland areas including Kings Park and Botanic Garden.

They shelter at night among fallen leaves or under large objects on the ground such as rocks and logs.

Fun Fact

Yoorns are also known as the shingleback or sleepy lizard! They like to feel protected, hidden and warm. In fact, during colder months, Yoorns will stay buried deep in their shelter, only emerging on a sunny day to warm themselves up!

Can you spot any Yoorn tracks on your adventures?



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