

DESERT HAIRY SCORPION

All scorpions are hairy, not just this species. The hairs are used to sense what is going on around them, since their eyesight is not very good.

Scorpions are nocturnal and hide in their burrows during the day. The burrows can be up to several feet (30 cm) deep.

Scorpions are either male or female and they have a complicated mating dance that can take up to 24 hours to complete. The male puts a packet of sperm onto the ground then shows the female where it is, then she picks it up.

Female scorpions give birth to live young and carry them on their backs for a week or two.



Scorpions have a pocket inside their mouth where they store food while they chew. They swallow the liquid and spit out the solid parts.

Scorpions have fluorescent chemicals in their exoskeleton, making them glow in the dark under a UV light.

Scorpions breathe like spiders do, with "book lungs" and air holes called spiracles.