



## Sun Skink Care Sheet

**Species Name:**

*Eutropis multifasciata*

**Adult Size:**

15-20 cm

**Lifespan:**

8-10 years

**Breeding Age:**

1-2 years



Golden sun skinks (*Eutropis longicaudata*) are medium-sized lizards found in Southeast Asia, including regions of Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines. These skinks are characterised by their glossy, bronze-coloured bodies, which give them a distinctive golden sheen. They are diurnal and prefer warm, sunny environments such as forest edges, gardens, and open fields. Golden sun skinks are omnivorous, feeding on insects, small invertebrates, fruits, and occasionally plant material.

Known for their agility, they can quickly dart into hiding when threatened.

## **Housing:**

**Enclosure:** A 3-7ft vivarium is ideal for the Sun Skink. The Maxi sizes provide extra depth for a deep layer of substrate, as keen burrowers your Skink will appreciate this.

**Substrate:** Using a substrate that retains moisture is important for this lizard, ideally a mix of orchid bark and a loose substrate like coconut coir or moss.

## **Temperature:**

Maintain a basking spot temperature of 32°C.

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 26-29°C.

Use a heat source like a basking light and a heat mat for heating.

Night time temperatures can drop to 18-21°C.

## **Lighting:**

Provide a UVB light source (6%) for at least 10-12 hours a day to support calcium metabolism and overall health.

## **Diet:**

**Feeding:** Offer a varied diet of insects. (locusts, crickets, snails, and worms)

**Supplements:** Dust insects with calcium and vitamin supplements 2-3 times a week.



## **Humidity and Hydration:**

A humidity of 60-80% should be maintained.

Provide a shallow dish for drinking water. Mist the enclosure occasionally to maintain humidity levels and aid in shedding.

## **Enrichment and Handling:**

Place hiding spots, rocks, and branches for climbing to create a stimulating environment.

Provide a secure hide for them to retreat and feel safe.

Handle your Skink gently and regularly to foster trust, but be mindful of their stress levels.

## **Health Considerations:**

Regularly monitor for signs of illness, such as lethargy, changes in appetite, or difficulty shedding.

Quarantine new reptiles before introducing them to existing enclosures.

Remember that the care requirements for Sun Skinks may vary slightly based on individual needs, so observe your reptile's behaviour and make adjustments accordingly. Always prioritize the well-being and health of your pet by providing a well-maintained and enriched environment.