

Stanley



What am I?

Tailless Whip Scorpion (*Damon Diadema*)

Where do I live in the wild?

A range of habitats in Africa including cave entrances and vertical crevices in trees.

How am I looked after as a pet?

They live in a terrarium, like a tank. In here there are vertical pieces of bark which we hide in – just as we would in the wild.

What do I eat?

They are carnivores and enjoy catching crickets once a week using their pincers.

What do I look like?

Some people say they look like a very skinny crab! As arachnids, they have 8 legs, however the 1st pair are very long and thin and are used as feelers!

Why do we love Stanley?

Although he looks scary and strange, Stanley is harmless. We love his long front legs, and like to watch the way he stretches them out to feel around.

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Stanley's amazing secret...

Despite what people think, whip scorpions are completely harmless, they cannot bite or sting humans! They are the most gentle arachnid you will come across! They have done a wonderful job in proving to people that arachnids can be harmless.

Everyone who has watched Harry Potter will have a soft spot for them as the so called 'Mad Eye Moody' tried to perform the cruciatus curse upon one!

People are always amazed to see that they actually walk sideways like a crab!

Their **predators** include birds, reptiles and other arachnids!

E.g. of **food chain** = Fruit – Cricket – Tailless Whip Scorpion - Bird.

They are **invertebrates** (creatures without a backbone). Their skeletons are on the outside of their bodies called '**exoskeletons**' and are extremely flat!

Stanley's story

I was rehomed from a couple who didn't have the room for more baby invertebrates and I now have a lovely home with Rachael and her family.

