



## **Nile Monitor**

**Common Name:** Nile Monitor, Leguan

**Scientific Name:** *Varanus niloticus*

**General Info:** The Nile Monitor is generally found in Africa and their average size is 4 ½ to 5 ½ inches long. Males are larger and more aggressive than females.

**Temperature:** Daily temperatures should be set between 76 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Nightly temperatures should be about 72 degrees Fahrenheit. You may want to create moisture by providing a large tub of water in the terrarium.

**Lighting:** The Nile Monitor requires full spectrum lighting and U.V. radiation.

**Feeding/Watering:** They feed upon various rodents, birds, eggs, etc. Babies and juveniles may be fed butterworms, mealworms, and crickets. Water may be kept in a large pan for soaking and drinking purposes. Change daily.

**Habitat/Housing:** A ten to twenty gallon tank is recommended for babies and juveniles while a custom built enclosure is needed for larger Nile Monitors. Landscape by creating shelters using driftwood, cork bark slabs, hollow logs, etc.