

# Australia, the Land Down Under



Blue-tongue  
Lizard



The most noticeable feature of these lizards is the blue tongue inside its bright pink mouth. These gentle-natured, snail-loving (and dog food-stealing) blue-tongue lizards are welcome pest controllers in Australian gardens. They quickly become used to humans, one reason why they are so popular as pets. The lizard's main defense strategy is bluffing: It faces the threat and opens its mouth. The blue tongue inside the pink mouth is an unexpected and vivid sight, designed to frighten the attacker. The lizard also hisses loudly and flattens its body, which makes it look wider and bigger.