

# Scorpions Identification and Biology

## What Do Scorpions Look Like?

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### OVERVIEW

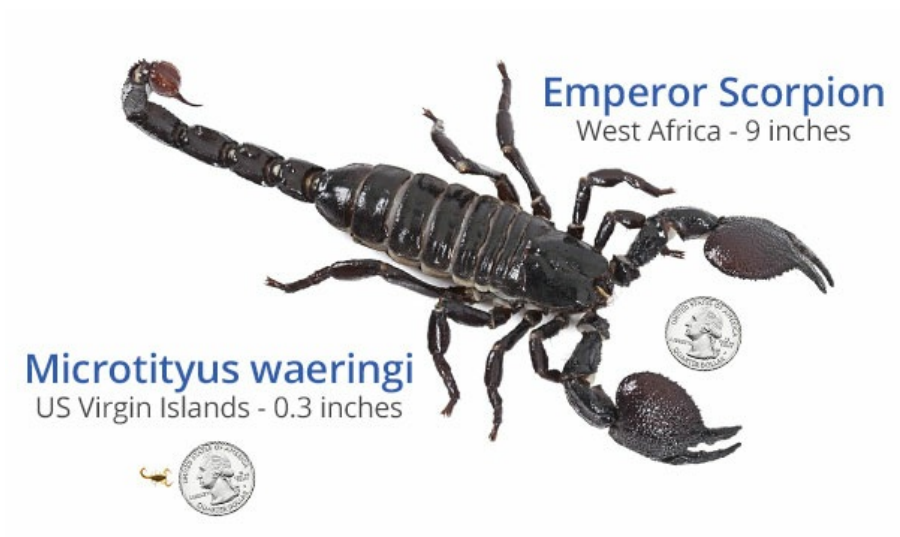


Scorpions are pests that, while not as common as ants and cockroaches, can be found in homes and yards across the United States. [Scorpions](#) will not cause damage to your belongings, but their stings can be bothersome.

Knowing what type of scorpions live in your region is important in the event of a scorpion sting. Medically significant scorpion stings are rare, but do exist.

If you have a pest you suspect is a scorpion, use our guide below to make a positive identification.

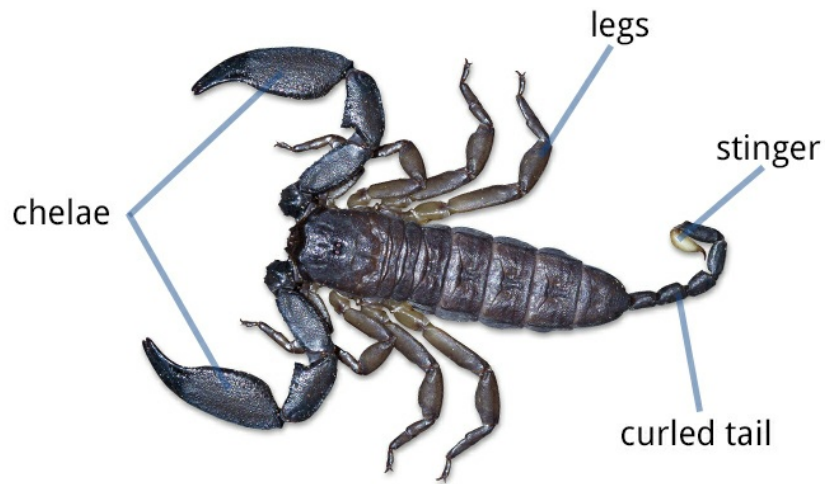
### SIZE



Scorpions range from 0.3 inches to 9 inches long, depending on their age.

## SHAPE

### SCORPION



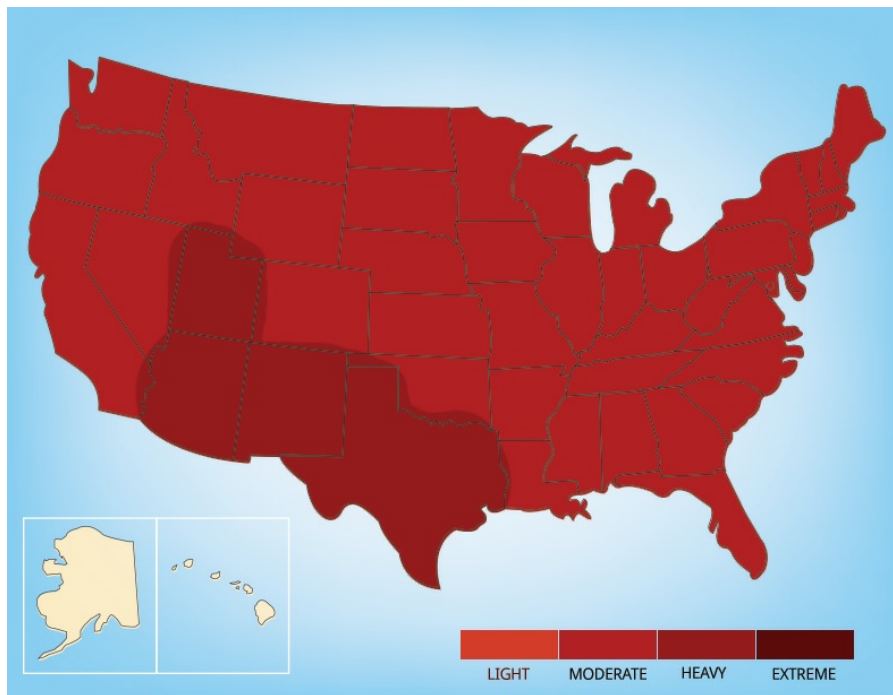
Scorpions have 8 legs and 2 pincers, or chelae. They have curled tails that end with a stinger and multiple eyes on their head. Scorpions have a thick head and abdomen.

## COLOR



Scorpions range in color. Most scorpions are yellow or black to provide camouflage, allowing them to blend in with their surroundings. Scorpions can also be red or brown.

## RANGE



Scorpions are most prevalent in the American Southwest but can be found across the United States in all climates.

**Suspect you have scorpions? Learn [where scorpions hide in your home](#) and [how to get rid of scorpions](#) by reading the rest of our guide. Click the right arrow below to read more.**