**Tanzanian Tailless Whip Scorpion**

**Native to:** Caves of Central Africa

**Predators:**  Lizards, Centipedes, and Bats

**Food:**  Small insects, Other Spiders, Small lizards

**Facts:**.

* They can reach a leg span of about 7 to 8 inches in length.
* They spend most of their lives hiding on the wall of dark caves.
* The are nocturnal hunters they use a modified set of legs as feelers to move along the cave walls and sense prey with near them. They then use their claws to capture and eat their prey.
* They are not true scorpions but a member of arachnid family called Amblpygids or blunt tails because of their lack of a tail.
* They do not have any form of venom like the other members of their extended family.
* They generally live in small social groups in the wild and use body language and touch to communicate with each other.
* They are on of the few species of arachnid where the mother stays around to raise the young protect them till maturity.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Claws
* Camouflage

**Reproduction:**

* Females usually give live birth to about 10 to 15 young and carry them on their back for the first few weeks of life until their exoskeletons are hard enough to live on their own.

**Lifespan:** Live can live up to 4 to 6 yrs in the wild and almost double that in captivity.

**Handling Tips:**

He is relatively easy to handle if prod him along and get him onto your hand or a towel. They tend to move sideways more often so be careful they do not drop off your had that way.