

"CRITTER OF THE MONTH"

LEAF SCORPION



Scorpionfishes are slow moving carnivores, many with venomous spines that can deliver a painful sting. Also in this family are the stonefish(highly poisonous), lionfish and gurnards. This Leaf Scorpion is a juvenile, measuring about 2". When full grown, he will max out at 4". They like to perch on the bottom, sometimes waving slightly to and fro, waiting for prey. Their behavior and looks give them their name as they tend to look like harmless leaves. They frequently occur in pairs and all have at least three spines. They vary in color from grayish white to yellow, red, brown or black.

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