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This month we are learning all about the Arizona Bark Scorpion. Here are some key facts:

- The Arizona Bark Scorpion (*Centruroides sculpturatus*) is a small, straw or honey colored scorpion common to the southwest United States. They often eat other insects, including termites.
- Bark scorpions have “hairs” on their legs that are sensitive to vibrations in the air. To avoid extreme heat, they will shelter in the shade of rocks, wood piles, and tree bark (hence the name). They come out at night.
- Mature Arizona Bark Scorpions will glow a green color (*fluoresce*) under ultraviolet light.

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