

# BLAST ENDED SKREWTS

*The Blast-Ended Skrewt is a hybrid creature bred by Rubeus Hagrid in Autumn 1994, by crossing Manticores and Fire crabs. They are ferocious beasts, feared by many but truly special and magical to behold.*

## What do they look like?

Newly hatched Skrewts look like pale, slimy deformed shell-less lobsters. They have legs sticking out at odd angles. They are about six inches long and smell strongly of rotten fish. Sparks fly out of their ends every so often which propels them forward a few inches. The males have stingers and the females have suckers on their body to suck blood.

After two months, Skrewts are three feet long and extremely ill tempered, making it hard to get close to one. They grow grey, shiny armour over their pale bodies and begin to look like a cross between giant scorpions and elongated crabs. The males hold their stingers over their backs, and are highly dangerous and repulsive.

When fully grown, the skrewts are ten feet long, and incredibly dangerous (and probably quite lethal). They resemble giant scorpions with stingers curled over their backs. Their shiny armour deflects most spells, and they use their blasts to propel themselves at a foe. Its single undefended spot is its armour-less underside.



*A fully grown blast ended skrewt*

## History

Hagrid began breeding the Skrewts at the beginning of September 1997, and had several hundred. By the following June, he only had one. Hagrid never found what they ate, and they killed each other off mostly, so it is not surprising they died so quickly. The remaining one may have been released in the forest, or maybe Hagrid kept it for breeding, or it eventually died off.

Blast-Ended Skrewt	
Species information	
Eye colour	None
Skin colour	Pale
Related to	Fire crab
Habitat	Hogwarts Castle
Alternative names	Bang-Ended Scoots
Length of average adult	10 ft
Fear factor	high
Status	Possibly extinct

## Fun Facts

- **Skrewts do not hibernate during winter.**
- **Skrewts were used in the Triwizard Tournament. Harry Potter managed to defeat one though!**
- **Skrewts were invented to be used as weapons but they were too dangerous.**