

SneakerDropBot - Render.com Deployment Guide

This guide will help you deploy a fully functional SneakerDropBot on Render.com with lightweight scraping capabilities.



Features

- **Real-time sneaker tracking** across Nike, Adidas, and StockX
- **Intelligent parsing** of user tracking requests
- **Background monitoring** with configurable intervals
- **Premium subscription support** via Stripe
- **Interactive Telegram bot** with search and tracking features
- **Lightweight scraping system** optimized for Render.com free tier



Prerequisites

1. **Telegram Bot Token** - Create a bot via [@BotFather](#)
2. **MongoDB Database** - Free cluster on [MongoDB Atlas](#)
3. **Render.com Account** - Free tier supported
4. **Stripe Account** (optional) - For premium features



Environment Variables

Set these in your Render.com dashboard:

Required

```
TELEGRAM_BOT_TOKEN=your_bot_token_here  
MONGODB_URI=mongodb+srv://username:password@cluster.mongodb.net/  
sneakerdropbot
```

Optional

```
STRIPE_SECRET_KEY=sk_test_...  
STRIPE_PUBLISHABLE_KEY=pk_test_...  
ADMIN_TELEGRAM_CHAT_ID=your_telegram_user_id
```



Quick Deploy to Render.com

Method 1: Using render.yaml (Recommended)

1. Fork this repository
2. Connect your GitHub to Render.com
3. Create a new "Web Service" and select your forked repo
4. Render will automatically detect the `render.yaml` configuration
5. Set the required environment variables in the Render dashboard
6. Deploy!

Method 2: Manual Setup

1. Create a new "Web Service" on Render.com
2. Connect your GitHub repository

3. Configure build settings:

- **Build Command:** `pip install -r requirements-render.txt`
- **Start Command:** `python main_render.py`
- **Environment:** Python 3.11

4. Set environment variables

5. Deploy

✂ Local Development

```
# Install dependencies
pip install -r requirements-render.txt

# Set environment variables
export TELEGRAM_BOT_TOKEN="your_token"
export MONGODB_URI="your_mongodb_uri"

# Run locally
python main_render.py
```



Monitoring & Health Checks

The bot includes several monitoring endpoints:

- **Health Check:** `GET /health`
- **Bot Stats:** `GET /api/stats`
- **Scraper Health:** `GET /api/scraper/health`
- **Search Test:** `GET /api/search/{keyword}`
- **Force Monitoring:** `POST /api/monitor/force`


Bot Commands

User Commands


- `/start` - Welcome message and main menu
- `/track` - Start tracking a sneaker
- `/status` - View account status and tracked sneakers
- `/premium` - Upgrade to premium features
- `/help` - Show help and commands

Example Usage


User: "Track Jordan 4 Bred size 10.5 under \$220"

Bot:  Tracking added! I'll monitor major retailers and alert you when available.

User: "Search Yeezy 350"

Bot:  Search Results for 'Yeezy 350':

1. Yeezy 350 Cream

 StockX | \$180 |  In Stock

Admin Commands (if ADMIN_TELEGRAM_CHAT_ID is set)

- `/admin` - Show admin panel
- `/admin stats` - Detailed statistics
- `/admin health` - System health check

Scraper System

The lightweight scraper system includes:

Supported Retailers

- **Nike:** Product search and availability
- **Adidas:** Product search and pricing
- **StockX:** Resell market prices and availability
- **Mock Scrapers:** For other retailers (development/fallback)

Features

- **Intelligent Parsing:** Multiple parsing strategies for website changes
- **Rate Limiting:** Respectful scraping with delays
- **Error Handling:** Circuit breaker patterns and retry logic
- **Health Monitoring:** Real-time scraper health tracking

Configuration

The scraper system is optimized for Render.com free tier:

- **15-minute monitoring cycles** (configurable)
- **3 concurrent scrapers** maximum
- **30-second timeout** per search cycle
- **Minimal resource usage**



Database Schema

Collections

- **users:** User accounts and preferences
- **tracked_sneakers:** User tracking requests
- **alerts:** Alert history and delivery status
- **analytics:** Daily usage statistics

Indexes

Automatically created indexes for optimal performance:

- `users.telegram_id` (unique)
- `tracked_sneakers.user_id + sneaker_name`
- `alerts.user_id + created_at`



Premium Features

Premium users get:

- **Unlimited tracking** (vs 1 for free)
- **Instant alerts** (no delays)
- **Flip opportunity analysis**
- **Early access notifications**
- **Priority customer support**



Troubleshooting

Common Issues

Bot not responding

- Check `TELEGRAM_BOT_TOKEN` is set correctly
- Verify bot health at `/health` endpoint
- Check Render logs for errors

Database connection issues

- Verify `MONGODB_URI` format and credentials
- Check MongoDB Atlas network access settings
- Ensure database is not paused (Atlas free tier)

Scraping not working

- Check scraper health at `/api/scraper/health`
- Verify no rate limiting from retailers
- Check Render logs for scraping errors

No alerts being sent

- Verify tracking is set up correctly with `/status`
- Check monitoring cycle logs
- Test with `/api/monitor/force`

Performance Optimization

For Render.com Free Tier:

- Monitoring cycles run every 15 minutes (optimized for free tier)
- Limited to 3 concurrent scrapers
- Database queries are optimized with proper indexing
- Alert cooldown prevents spam

For Paid Plans:

- Reduce monitoring interval to 5-10 minutes
- Increase concurrent scraper limit
- Add more retailer scrapers
- Implement webhook notifications



Security

- Environment variables for sensitive data
- Input validation for all user inputs
- Rate limiting on API endpoints
- Secure webhook endpoints for Telegram and Stripe



Scaling

The bot is designed to scale:

Horizontal Scaling

- Stateless design allows multiple instances
- Database handles concurrent access

- Background monitoring can be distributed

Vertical Scaling

- Add more scrapers for additional retailers
- Increase monitoring frequency
- Add real-time WebSocket alerts

Support

For issues:

1. Check the [troubleshooting section](#)
2. Review Render logs for specific errors
3. Test individual components using API endpoints
4. Check scraper health and database connectivity

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Happy sneaker hunting!  