

# Otago skink

*Oligosoma otagense*

## Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Endangered  
National | Threatened: Endangered

## Main threats

Habitat change  
Introduced predators  
(e.g. feral cats, stoats,  
ferrets, possums, mice,  
weasels and hedgehogs)



## Identify me by my...

Large size and robust appearance



Black upper surfaces and sides



Body length:  
Up to 142 mm  
(usually less than 130 mm)



Large markings on back and sides

## Did you know...

I'm one of New Zealand's largest reptiles and you can see me at Orokonui Ecosanctuary!

## I inhabit...

Deeply fractured schist rock outcrops (usually in or near gullies) and surrounding tussock and shrubland.



## I eat...

Mainly invertebrates, including small-bodied beetles and large-bodied flies

Some native fruits, such as those from *Coprosma taylorae* and *Leucopogon fraseri*

## I look similar to...



Grand skink



Scree skink