

Herbfield skink

Oligosoma murihiku

Conservation status

Regional | At Risk: Declining
National | At Risk: Declining

Main threats

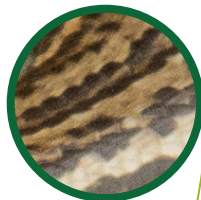
Habitat change
(e.g. land development
and fire)

Introduced predators
(e.g. rodents, ferrets,
stoats and cats)

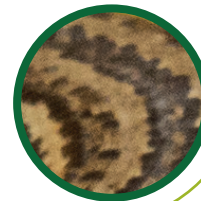
Identify me by my...



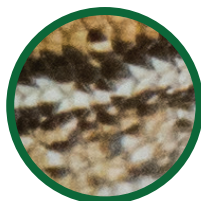
Green eyes +
four large scales in
second row of scales
above each eyelid



Warm-brown
upper surfaces



Dark or cream
flecks on upper
surfaces

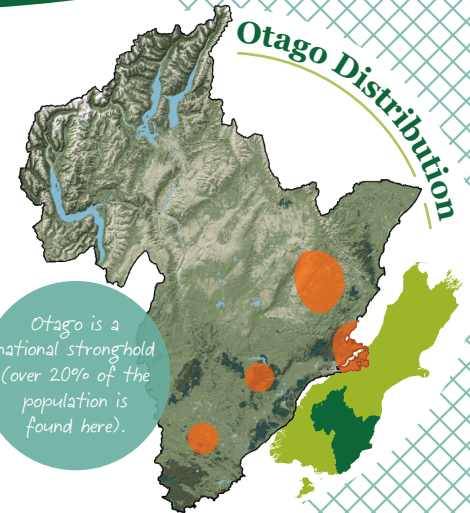


Dark-brown,
rough-edged band
on sides, bordered
by pale stripes



Body length: Up to 70 mm

Bright-yellow
undersides



Otago Distribution

Otago is a
national stronghold
(over 20% of the
population is
found here).

I inhabit...

Relatively damp shrublands,
wetlands, dunelands,
herbfields, and rocky grasslands.

670 m

0 m



I eat...

Mostly invertebrates
(e.g. spiders and insects)

Possibly flower nectar and
native fruits when available

I look similar to...



Burgan skink



Cryptic skink



Tussock skink



McCann's skink