

Tākitimu gecko

Mokopirirakau cryptozoicus

Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical
National | Threatened: Vulnerable

Main threats

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

Identify me by my...

Bright-orange mouth

Slate-grey or
olive upper surface

Red, orange,
yellow, grey or
maroon markings

Body length:
Up to 87 mm

Triangular head
markings



I look similar to...*



Kōrero gecko



Orange-spotted gecko



Mountain beech gecko



Tautuku gecko



Cascade gecko

I inhabit...

Crevice outcrops, rocky
walls and herbfield, scree,
and mature native forest.

I eat...

Mostly small invertebrates,
including insects and spiders
Flower nectar and native
fruits when available

1,450 m

0 m



*Tākitimu, Tautuku, orange-spotted and Cascade geckos look so alike they are very difficult to tell apart without genetic data.