Lakes skink



Oligosoma aff. chloronoton "West Otago"



Conservation status

Regional Threatened: Vulnerable National Threatened: Vulnerable



Main threats

Habitat change (e.g. land development, floods and fires)

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



Identify me by my...



Typically brown upper surfaces with light and dark flecks



Indistinct dark band along sides





I inhabit...

Damp areas with complex, rocky habitat and lush native shrubs, tussocks and grasses.



I eat...

Mostly invertebrates (e.g. spiders and insects)

Possibly flower nectar and native fruits when available







Otago green skink



Southland green skink

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