

# Cryptic skink

*Oligosoma inconspicuum*



Otago  
Regional  
Council



## Conservation status

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



## Main threats

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

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



## Identify me by my...



Highly variable appearance but back is often brown with abundant light or black flecking



Notched or wavy stripes on sides



Dark-brown band along sides



Grey-yellow underside



Body length: Up to 86 mm  
(typically less than 77 mm)

Black soles



## I inhabit...

A wide variety of environments (e.g. tussock grassland, boulderfields and native shrubland) and shelter under loose rock, wood and dense native vegetation (e.g. *Muehlenbeckia complexa*).

1,825 m

0 m



## I eat...

Berries and insects

## I look similar to...



Tussock skink



McCann's skink