Grand skink

Oligosoma grande



Distribulion

Conservation Status

Regional | Threatened: Endangered National Threatened: Endangered



Main threats

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

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



Deep-black upper and side surfaces streaked or flecked with gold, yellow, yellow-green or cream

Cream or grey underside (sometimes speckled)

Body length: Up to 115 mm



Very long toes and black soles

Did you know...

out of the air as it tries to fly past!

I inhabit...

1,000 m

200 m

Schist rock outcrops in rocky shrubland or tussockland.

I eat...

Mostly small invertebrates, like insects (e.g. flies, bees and cicadas) and spiders

Sometimes flower nectar and native fruits particularly from the pātōtara/dwarf mingimingi and the porcupine shrub (Melicytus alpinus)

I look similar to...



Otago skink

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