

Garden Skinks

L. guichenoti and *L. delicata*

When to look:

Sept to Feb

Image: *Lampropholis delicata*

Of the two species, *L. guichenoti* usually has a 'heavier' looking body and a more obvious stripe running along sides compared to *L. delicata*

Mainly grey-brown to bronze.
Total length 8-10 cm

Similar species:

Eastern Water Skink: larger when adult (25 cm to 30 cm long), with small black spots on its back and white and black spots on its side.

Blue-tongue Lizard: larger, with a tail shorter than its body, and doesn't have the stripe running along each side of its body.

Dark stripe from its nostril, across eye, along each side to its tail

L. delicata's range extends into north Queensland and Tasmania

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