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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Five-lined Skink

Plestiodon fasciatus

The Common Five-lined Skink is a small to medium-sized lizard native to eastern North America, easily recognized by the five light stripes running down its dark body. Juveniles exhibit a striking blu…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Scincidae
Habitat: Temperate forests and woodland edges
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-6 years
Weight: 8-18 grams
Scientific name: Plestiodon fasciatus

Did you know?

- Despite being reptiles, female Common Five-lined Skinks exhibit parental care by guarding their eggs until they hatch.
- Young skinks have bright blue tails that help distract predators. They can shed their tails as a defense mechanism and regrow them later. Males devel…

What I learned

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