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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eastern Glass Lizard

Ophisaurus ventralis

The Eastern Glass Lizard is a legless lizard native to the southeastern United States, often mistaken for a snake due to its elongated, slender body. Unlike snakes, it has movable eyelids and externa…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Anguidae
Habitat: Sandy soils in grasslands, pine flatwoods, wetlands, and coastal areas
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 100-200 grams
Scientific name: Ophisaurus ventralis

Did you know?

- The Eastern Glass Lizard can regenerate its tail after shedding it, but the new tail is usually shorter and differently colored than the original.
- Despite their snake-like appearance, Eastern Glass Lizards are completely harmless and lack venom. Their tails can account for more than half of thei…

What I learned

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