

# Species at Risk

## NORTHERN PRAIRIE SKINK



## What does it look like?

A small, smooth, and skinny lizard that ranges in colour from grey to brown. Alternating light and dark stripes run along the length of the body.

May be mistaken for a snake as they have very short limbs and move quickly.

Other distinguishing colours are blue tails in juveniles and orange throats on males in spring.

## Where can it be found?

In Canada, they are only found in southwestern Manitoba where soil is sandy and vegetation is a mixed-grass prairie.



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## Threats

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- Loss of mixed-grass prairie habitat due to farmland development and invasive species such as leafy spurge.
- Winters with little snow cover can decrease skink survival during hibernation.

## What can you do to recover this species?

Landowners that have prairie skinks on their property can contact the MMF for tips on how they can provide suitable habitat for this rare species!



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