



Round Island Skink (*Leiolopisma telfairii*)

Size: Total body length, 22 - 27 cm **Weight:** 75 - 85 g **Habitat:** Prefers vegetated palm forest and weed-based habitat **Surviving number:** Fewer than 26,000



Photographed by Gabby Salazar

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Sweet relief. When introduced rabbits and goats were removed from their home, Round Island skink populations rebounded. The two non-native species had upset the natural balance by clearing vegetation vital to the skink and its insect prey. One of eight endemic reptiles on the island, the skink hides between leaf litter and rocks during the hottest

hours, foraging in the cooler parts of the day and at night. Life is good, but living on an island with limited populations, the future is always in question.

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