

# Report

## Standardized common names for New Zealand reptiles

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After consultation with the wider herpetological community, the Society for Research on Amphibians and Reptiles in New Zealand and the Department of Conservation recently revised the common name nomenclature for New Zealand reptiles in 2014. In this report, the standardized names are identified. Reporting the new names here will enable wider adoption of these names in the herpetological literature. Some previous names are also provided, to assist in the reconciliation of names in older texts.

### New Zealand geckos, Family Diplodactylinae

#### Genus *Dactylocnemis* (6 spp)

Name and Authority	Current/new common name	Former name(s)
<i>Dactylocnemis</i> 'Matapia Island'	Matapia gecko	
<i>Dactylocnemis</i> 'Mokohinau'	Mokohinau gecko	Mokohinaus gecko
<i>Dactylocnemis</i> 'North Cape'	Te Paki gecko	North Cape Pacific gecko / North Cape gecko
<i>Dactylocnemis</i> 'Poor Knights'	Poor Knights gecko	
<i>Dactylocnemis</i> 'Three Kings'	Three Kings gecko	
<i>Dactylocnemis pacificus</i> (Gray, 1842)	Pacific gecko	

#### Genus *Hoplodactylus* (2 spp)

<i>Hoplodactylus delcourti</i> Bauer & Russell, 1986	Kawekaweau
<i>Hoplodactylus duvaucelii</i> (Duméril & Bibron, 1836)	Duvaucel's gecko

#### Genus *Mokopirirakau* (10 spp)

<i>Mokopirirakau</i> 'Cascades'	Cascade gecko	Cascades forest gecko
<i>Mokopirirakau</i> 'Okarito'	Broad-cheeked gecko	Okarito forest gecko / Okarito gecko
<i>Mokopirirakau</i> 'Open Bay Islands'	Open Bay Islands gecko	
<i>Mokopirirakau</i> 'Roys Peak'	Orange-spotted gecko	Roys Peak gecko
<i>Mokopirirakau</i> 'southern forest'	Blue-eyed gecko	Southern forest gecko
<i>Mokopirirakau</i> 'southern North Island'	Ngahere gecko	Southern North Island Forest gecko
<i>Mokopirirakau cryptozoicus</i> (Jewell & Leschen, 2004)	Takitimu gecko	Takitimus gecko
<i>Mokopirirakau granulatus</i> (Gray, 1845)	Forest gecko	
<i>Mokopirirakau kahutarae</i> (Whitaker, 1985)	Black-eyed gecko	
<i>Mokopirirakau nebulosus</i> (McCann, 1955)	Cloudy gecko	

\*Note that the Cupola Basin gecko is not included in this list, as it remains taxonomically indeterminate.

Genus *Naultinus* (9 spp)

<i>Naultinus</i> 'North Cape'	Aupouri (green) gecko	North Cape green gecko / Yellow-lipped gecko
<i>Naultinus elegans</i> Gray, 1842	Elegant gecko	Auckland green gecko
<i>Naultinus gemmeus</i> (McCann, 1955)	Jewelled gecko	
<i>Naultinus grayii</i> Bell, 1843	Northland green gecko	Gray's gecko
<i>Naultinus manukanus</i> (McCann, 1955)	Marlborough green gecko	Manuka gecko
<i>Naultinus punctatus</i> Gray, 1842	Barking gecko	Wellington green gecko
<i>Naultinus rudis</i> (Fischer, 1882)	Rough gecko	
<i>Naultinus stellatus</i> Hutton, 1872	Starred gecko	Nelson green gecko
<i>Naultinus tuberculatus</i> (McCann, 1955)	West Coast green gecko	Mossy gecko

Genus *Toropuku* (2 spp)

<i>Toropuku</i> 'Coromandel'	Northern striped gecko	Coromandel striped gecko
<i>Toropuku stephensi</i> (Robb, 1980)	Southern striped gecko	Cook Strait striped gecko / striped gecko

Genus *Tukutuku* (1 spp)

<i>Tukutuku rakiurae</i> (Thomas, 1981)	Harlequin gecko	
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Genus *Woodworthia* (11 spp)

<i>Woodworthia</i> 'Central Otago'	Schist gecko	Central Otago gecko
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'Cromwell'	Kawarau gecko	Cromwell gecko
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'Marlborough mini'	Minimac gecko	Marlborough mini gecko / † Kaikouras gecko
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'Mount Arthur'	Kahurangi gecko	Mount Arthur gecko
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'Otago large'	Korero gecko	Large Otago gecko / Otago large gecko / Otago-Southland gecko / ** Danseys Pass gecko
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'pygmy'	Pygmy gecko	
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'Southern Alps'	Southern Alps gecko	
<i>Woodworthia</i> 'southern mini'	Short-toed gecko	Southern mini gecko
<i>Woodworthia</i> cf. <i>brunnea</i>	Waitaha gecko	Canterbury gecko / Brown gecko
<i>Woodworthia chrysosiretica</i> (Robb, 1980)	Goldstripe gecko	
<i>Woodworthia maculata</i> (Gray, 1845)	Raukawa gecko	Common gecko / Matua gecko

† The taxon previously referenced to as the Kaikouras gecko has now been placed within the Minimac gecko species concept

\*\* The Danseys Pass gecko name refers to a population of korero gecko in the Kakanui Mountains

**New Zealand skinks, Family Scincidae**

Genus *Oligosoma* (56 spp)

<i>Oligosoma</i> 'Whirinaki'	<i>Name under consultation</i>	Whirinaki skink
<i>Oligosoma acrinasum</i> (Hardy, 1977)	Fiordland skink	
<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i> (Girard, 1857)	Copper skink	
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>chloronoton</i> 'West Otago'	Lakes skink	
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>inconspicuum</i> 'Okuru'	Okuru skink	
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>infrapunctatum</i> 'Chesterfield'	Chesterfield skink	
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>infrapunctatum</i> 'crenulate'	Crenulate skink	Speckled skink
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>infrapunctatum</i> 'Southern North Island'	Kupe skink	Southern North Island speckled skink / Tamatea skink
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>lineoocellatum</i> 'central Canterbury'	Canterbury spotted skink	Central Canterbury spotted skink
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>lineoocellatum</i> 'Mackenzie Basin'	Mackenzie skink	

<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>lineoocellatum</i> 'South Marlborough'	Marlborough spotted skink	
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>longipes</i> 'Rangitata'	Pukuma skink	Rangitata skink
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>longipes</i> 'southern'	Roamatimati skink	
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> Clade 2	Waiharakeke grass skink	Common skink / Common skink (Clade 2)
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> Clade 3	South Marlborough grass skink	Common skink / Common skink (Clade 3)
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> Clade 4	Canterbury grass skink	Common skink / Common skink (Clade 4)
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> Clade 5	Southern grass skink	Common skink / Common skink (Clade 5)
<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>smithi</i> 'Three Kings, Te Paki, Western Northland'	Tatahi skink	Shore skink / Western shore skink
<i>Oligosoma alani</i> (Robb, 1970)	Robust skink	
<i>Oligosoma burganae</i> Chapple <i>et al.</i> 2011	Burgan skink	
<i>Oligosoma chloronoton</i> (Hardy, 1977)	Green skink	
<i>Oligosoma fallai</i> (McCann, 1955)	Falla's skink	Three Kings skink
<i>Oligosoma grande</i> (Gray, 1845)	Grand skink	
<i>Oligosoma hardyi</i> (Chapple <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	Hardy's skink	
<i>Oligosoma homalonotum</i> (Boulenger, 1906)	Chevron skink / Niho taniwha	
<i>Oligosoma inconspicuuum</i> (Patterson & Daugherty, 1990)	Cryptic skink	† Mahogany skink
<i>Oligosoma infrapunctatum</i> (Boulenger, 1887)	Speckled skink	
<i>Oligosoma judgei</i> Patterson & Bell, 2009	Barrier skink	
<i>Oligosoma levidensum</i> (Chapple <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	Slight skink	
<i>Oligosoma lineoocellatum</i> (Duméril & Duméril, 1851)	Spotted skink	
<i>Oligosoma longipes</i> Patterson, 1997	Northern long-toed skink	Long-toed skink
<i>Oligosoma maccanni</i> (Patterson & Daugherty, 1990)	McCann's skink	
<i>Oligosoma macgregori</i> (Robb, 1975)	McGregor's skink	
<i>Oligosoma microlepis</i> (Patterson & Daugherty, 1990)	Small-scaled skink	
<i>Oligosoma moco</i> (Duméril & Bibron, 1839)	Moko skink	
<i>Oligosoma nigriplantare</i> (Peters, 1873)	Chathams skink	Chatham Islands skink
<i>Oligosoma northlandi</i> (Worthy, 1991)	Northland skink	
<i>Oligosoma notosaurus</i> (Patterson & Daugherty, 1990)	Southern skink	
<i>Oligosoma oliveri</i> (McCann, 1955)	Marbled skink	Oliver's skink
<i>Oligosoma ornatum</i> (Gray, 1843)	Ornate skink	†† Manawha skink
<i>Oligosoma otagense</i> (McCann, 1955)	Otago skink	
<i>Oligosoma pikitanga</i> Bell & Patterson, 2008	Sinbad skink	
<i>Oligosoma polychroma</i> (Patterson & Daugherty, 1990)	Northern grass skink	Common skink / Common skink (Clade1)
<i>Oligosoma repens</i> Chapple <i>et al.</i> , 2011	Eyres skink	
<i>Oligosoma roimata</i> (Patterson, <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	Aorangi skink	Poor Knights ornate skink
<i>Oligosoma smithi</i> (Gray, 1845)	Shore skink	
<i>Oligosoma stenotis</i> (Patterson & Daugherty, 1994)	Small-eared skink	
<i>Oligosoma striatum</i> (Buller, 1871)	Striped skink	
<i>Oligosoma suteri</i> (Boulenger, 1906)	Egg-laying skink	Suter's skink / Diving skink
<i>Oligosoma taumakae</i> Chapple & Patterson, 2007	Taumaka skink	Open Bay Islands skink
<i>Oligosoma tekakahu</i> Chapple <i>et al.</i> , 2011	Te Kakahu skink	
<i>Oligosoma toka</i> Chapple <i>et al.</i> , 2011	Nevis skink	
<i>Oligosoma townsi</i> (Chapple <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	Hauraki skink	Towns' skink / Mokohinau skink
<i>Oligosoma waimatense</i> (McCann, 1955)	Scree skink	
<i>Oligosoma whiteri</i> (Hardy, 1977)	Whitaker's skink	
<i>Oligosoma zelandicum</i> (Gray, 1843)	Glossy brown skink	Brown skink

† The now disused 'Mahogany skink' name refers to a population of cryptic skinks recorded in the Llawrenny Peaks

†† Ornate skinks from the Three Kings Islands were called manawha skinks by Tony Jewell in his book (Jewell 2008)

Genus *Lampropholis* (1 spp)

*Lampropholis delicata* (De Vis, 1888) Rainbow skink

### **Tuatara, Family Sphenodontidae**

Genus *Sphenodon* (1 spp)

*Sphenodon punctatus* (Gray, 1842) Tuatara

### **Marine turtles, Family Cheloniidae**

Genus *Caretta* (1 spp)

*Caretta caretta* (Linnaeus, 1758) Loggerhead turtle

Genus *Chelonia* (1 spp)

*Chelonia mydas* (Linnaeus, 1758) Green turtle

Genus *Eretmochelys* (1 spp)

*Eretmochelys imbricata* (Linnaeus, 1766) Hawksbill turtle

Genus *Lepidochelys* (1 spp)

*Lepidochelys olivacea* (Eschscholtz, 1829) Olive ridley turtle

### **Marine turtle, Family Dermochelyidae**

Genus *Dermochelys* (1 spp)

*Dermochelys coriacea* (Vandelli, 1761) Leathery turtle

### **Marine snakes, Family Laticaudidae**

Genus *Laticauda* (3 spp)

*Laticauda colubrina* (Schneider, 1799) Yellow-lipped sea krait Banded sea snake

*Laticauda laticaudata* (Linnaeus, 1758) Brown-lipped sea krait

*Laticauda saintgironsi* Cogger & Heatwole, 2005 New Caledonian sea krait

### **Marine snake, Family Hydrophiidae**

Genus *Pelamis* (1 spp)

*Pelamis platurus* (Linnaeus, 1766) Yellow-bellied sea-snake