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Western Spiny-tailed Skink (*Egernia stokesii badia*)

Description: The western spiny-tailed skink is usually reddish brown in colour although a wholly black population is also known. It has large spines on its short flat tail and can grow to between 158 and 194mm in length.

These reptiles live in small groups in Rock crevices and hollow timber in the central Wheatbelt and produce live young.

Conservation Status: **Vulnerable**

Conservation: The western spiny-tailed skink has suffered from habitat loss and predation from feral cats. This species was once listed as critically endangered, however discoveries of previously unknown populations has resulted in its conservation status being downgraded to vulnerable.



Photo—Ron Johnstone / WA museum

If you have seen a Western Spiny-tailed Skink or would like more information, please contact the Department of Environment and Conservation. Merredin: 9041 2488 Northam 9622 8940

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