



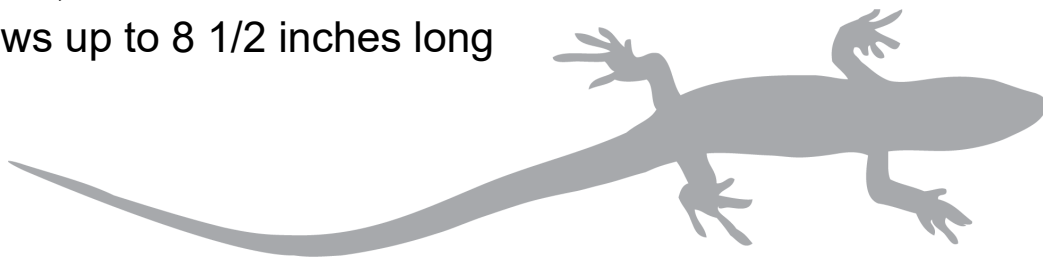
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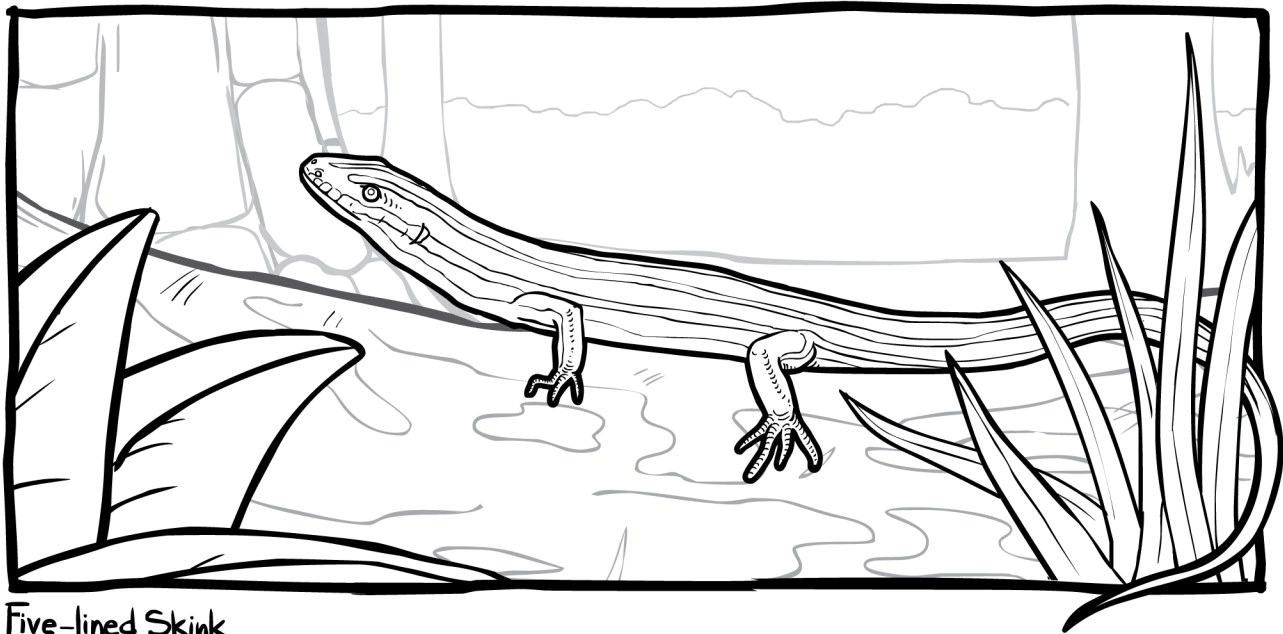
Instant ID

- A lizard with a thick neck and sprawling legs
- Juveniles have five stripes on a black background, color changes from yellow at the head to blue at the tail
- Adults have a red-brown head with color becoming drabber towards the tail, faint lines sometimes visible
- Grows up to 8 1/2 inches long



Native Niches

- All Florida land habitats, preferring moist environments



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Favorite Foods

- Eats worms, insects, spiders and snails
- Also eats small lizards and amphibians

Critter Characteristics

- Adult may be confused with broad-headed skink
- Uses autotomy (purposely breaking off tail) to distract predators
- Juvenile's blue tail may be a greater distraction
- Adapted to life on the ground, yet is a skilled climber

Population Protection

- Housecats are a major threat to all of Florida's native lizards
- Stay on trails, as they often hide under fallen leaves

