

Striped Legless Lizard

Shy slithering friends

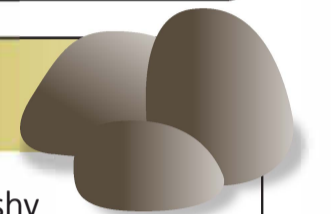


Habitat



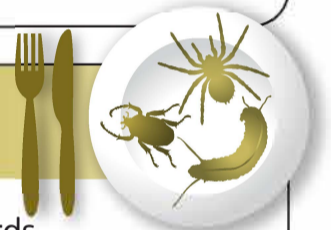
Striped Legless Lizards live in Victoria's grasslands. Their favourite grasses grow in clumps called tussocks. Most of these grasslands grow in places where volcanoes used to be.

Shelter



You won't see these shy reptiles very often. They like to hide in cracks in the soil or under rocks. Sometimes they shelter at the bottom of clumps of grass.

Food



Striped Legless Lizards are carnivores because they like to eat other animals. They slither around looking for spiders and insects like crickets and caterpillars to munch on.

Protection



These reptiles need healthy grasslands with lots of native grasses, rocks and cracks in the ground. Our grasslands need protection from clearing and fires that burn too hot and too often.

Care



Rangers and volunteers care for grasslands by using controlled, cool fires. Small fires in cool seasons leave places for animals to hide. Fire removes weeds and helps new native plants to regrow.

Features

Striped Legless Lizards:

- Are reptiles that lay eggs
- Use the sun, warm air and heated rocks to warm up their bodies
- Have scaly, grey-brown skin that they can shed
- Look like snakes but don't have a venomous bite
- Can drop their tails when scared by another animal
- Are about as long as a loaf of bread
- Weigh about the same as a strawberry

