

**Table S1. Comparison of the current taxonomy for New Zealand skinks with that recognised in 1977, prior to the implementation of modern molecular techniques.** Evidence on which the current taxonomy is based: 1: allozymes, 2: mitochondrial DNA sequence data, 3: nuclear DNA sequence data, 4: morphological data, 5: proposed taxonomic change yet to be confirmed.

Taxonomy- 1977	Taxonomy- Current	Evidence	Reference
<i>Cyclodina aenea</i>	<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008a,b, 2009)
	<i>Oligosoma hardyi</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008a,b, 2009)
	<i>Oligosoma levidensum</i>	2,4	Chapple et al. (2008a,b)
<i>Cyclodina alani</i>	<i>Oligosoma alani</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008b, 2009)
<i>Cyclodina macgregori</i>	<i>Oligosoma macgregori</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008b, 2009)
<i>Cyclodina oliveri</i>	<i>Oligosoma oliveri</i>	1-4	Vos (1988), Chapple et al. (2008c, 2009)
	<i>Oligosoma townsi</i>	1-4	Vos (1988), Chapple et al. (2008c, 2009)
<i>Cyclodina ornata</i>	<i>Oligosoma ornatum</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008b, 2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>ornatum</i> ‘Poor Knights’	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008b, 2009)
<i>Cyclodina whitakeri</i>	<i>Oligosoma whitakeri</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2008b, 2009)
<i>Leiopisma acrinasum</i>	<i>Oligosoma acrinasum</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma chloronoton</i>	<i>Oligosoma chloronoton</i>	2-4	Greaves et al. (2007), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>chloronoton</i> ‘West Otago’	2-3	Greaves et al. (2007), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma fallai</i>	<i>Oligosoma fallai</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2009)

<i>Leiopisma grande</i>	<i>Oligosoma grande</i>	1-4	Patterson (1997), Berry & Gleeson (2005), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma homalonotum</i>	<i>Oligosoma homalonotum</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma infrapunctatum</i>	<i>Oligosoma infrapunctatum</i>	2-4	Greaves et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>infrapunctatum</i>	2-3	Greaves et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
	‘Chesterfield’		
<i>Leiopisma lineocellatum</i>	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>infrapunctatum</i>	2-3	Greaves et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
	‘Southern North Island’		
	<i>Oligosoma lineocellatum</i>	2-4	Greaves et al. (2007), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>lineocellatum</i> ‘South Marlborough’	2	Greaves et al. (2007)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>lineocellatum</i>	2-3	Greaves et al. (2007), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma moco</i>	‘Mackenzie Basin’		
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>lineocellatum</i>	2	Greaves et al. (2007)
	‘Central Canterbury’		
<i>Leiopisma nigriplantare</i>	<i>Oligosoma moco</i>	2-4	Hare et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>nigriplantare</i>	<i>Oligosoma nigriplantare</i>	2-4	Liggins et al. (2008a), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma nigriplantare maccanni</i>	<i>Oligosoma polychroma</i>	1-4	Daugherty et al. (1990), Patterson & Daugherty (1990), Liggins et al. (2008b), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> ‘Clade 2’	2	Liggins et al. (2008b)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> ‘Clade 3’	2	Liggins et al. (2008b)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> ‘Clade 4’	2	Liggins et al. (2008b)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> ‘Clade 5’	2	Liggins et al. (2008b), Chapple et al. (2009)

	<i>Oligosoma inconspicuum</i>	1-4	Daugherty et al. (1990), Patterson & Daugherty (1990), Chapple et al. (2009, 2011)
	<i>Oligosoma burganae</i>	2,4	Chapple et al. (2011)
	<i>Oligosoma toka</i>	2,4	Chapple et al. (2011)
	<i>Oligosoma repens</i>	2,4	Chapple et al. (2011)
	<i>Oligosoma longipes</i>	1-4	Patterson (1997), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>longipes</i> 'Southern'	2-3	Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma maccanni</i>	1-4	Daugherty et al. (1990), Patterson & Daugherty (1990), O'Neill et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma notosaurus</i>	1-4	Daugherty et al. (1990), Patterson & Daugherty (1990), Chapple et al. (2009, 2011)
	<i>Oligosoma stenotis</i>	1-4	Patterson & Daugherty (1994), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma microlepis</i>	1-4	Daugherty et al. (1990), Patterson & Daugherty (1990), Hare et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma otagense</i> form otagense	<i>Oligosoma otagense</i>	1-4	Patterson (1997), Chapple et al. (2009, 2012)
<i>Leiopisma otagense</i> form waimatense	<i>Oligosoma waimatense</i>	1-4	Patterson (1997), Chapple et al. (2009, 2012)
<i>Leiopisma smithi</i>	<i>Oligosoma smithi</i>	2-4	Hare et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma smithi</i> 'Three Kings, Te Pahi, Western Northland'	2	Hare et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma striatum</i>	<i>Oligosoma striatum</i>	2-4	Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma suteri</i>	<i>Oligosoma suteri</i>	2-4	Hare et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)

<i>Leiopisma zelandicum</i>	<i>Oligosoma zelandicum</i>	2-4	O'Neill et al. (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
<i>Leiopisma lichenigerum</i>	<i>Oligosoma lichenigerum</i>	2-3	Chapple et al. (2009)
Not discovered	<i>Oligosoma judgei</i>	2,4	Patterson & Bell (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma pikitanga</i>	2-4	Bell & Patterson (2008), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma taumakae</i>	1-4	Chapple & Patterson (2007), Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma tekakahu</i>	2,4	Chapple et al. (2011)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>longipes</i> 'Rangitata'	2-4	Chapple et al. (2009)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>inconspicuuum</i> 'Okuru'	4-5	Chapple et al. (2011)
	<i>Oligosoma</i> 'Whirinaki'	2,4	Hitchmough et al. (2010)

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