

# How skink-friendly is your place?

How skink-friendly is your place? (Your place could be your garden, school, kindy or local park). Here's a simple way of finding out:

## 1. Are there any skinks?

See [Find me - skinks](#) to learn how to find skinks.

- Excellent** - Skinks seen
- Poor** - No skinks seen

## 2. Sunshine

How much sun does your place get?

- Excellent** - North facing – with at least 6 hours of sunshine
- OK** - East or west facing – with 3 to 6 hours of sunshine
- Poor** - South facing – with less than 3 hours sunshine

## 3. Skink Habitat

- Excellent** - Dense growth of low growing plants with lots of debris (stones, logs etc) to hide under
- OK** - Patches of low growing plants with some debris (stones, logs etc) to hide under.
- Poor** - Short lawn or bare soil with no debris (stones, logs etc) to hide under

## 4. Site connection

- Excellent** - This site is connected to an area of dense low growing plants with lots of debris (stones, logs etc) to hide under
- OK** - This site is connected to an area with some low growing plants with some debris (stones, logs etc) to hide under.
- Poor** - This site is isolated. It is surrounded by short lawn, bare soil or concrete with no debris (stones, logs etc) to hide under.

## 5. Skink food

See [Find me – skinks](#) to see how to make a pitfall trap. This will help you work out if there are many invertebrates at your place.

- Excellent** - Lots of invertebrates (including beetles, caterpillars and spiders)
- OK** - Some invertebrates (including beetles, caterpillars and spiders)
- Poor** - Not many invertebrates found

## 6. Skink predators

Are there signs that predators are about? This might be difficult to answer as many pest animals only come out at night. Find out how to [Find Animal Pests](#).

- Excellent** - No introduced mammals in the area
- OK** - Some introduced mammals in the area
- Poor** - Lots of introduced mammals in the area

How well did your site do? Do the birds in your area need some help?