

# LOOKING AFTER OUR LIZARDS & GECKOS

*The Department of Conservation Herpetofauna Database has recorded forest gecko, copper skink, ornate skink and rainbow skink within a 10 km radius of Manurewa since 2004, but we don't know for sure whether they live in our project area. Three of the species that could be found are native, along with the introduced rainbow skink.*

A Lizard Management Plan has been prepared to guide us in tracking and finding the lizards. Given that we don't know what we will find, or where, the project will be looking very carefully at key areas along the motorway where the ecologists tell us it is likely that lizards could be found.

If lizards are found in areas which will be directly affected by our works, then they will be trapped and re-released as a group into other areas nearby - all before we disturb their habitat.

We can only trap lizards in the warmer months when they are more active. We will keep you updated on what we find!



Forest Gecko Credit: "Biosearches Group"



Copper Skink Credit: "Biosearches Group"



Rainbow (Plague) Skink Credit: "Biosearches Group"



Ornate Skink Credit: "Keri Neilson/Crown Copyright: Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai"