

## Supplementary Information

**Appendix S1.** Four different individuals of the Otago skink (*Oligosoma otagense*) at Ōrokonui Ecosanctuary showing variation in the gold patterns visible between the nose and the forelimb region, particularly around the ears.



**Appendix S2.** Individual skinks were identified using their unique markings. Here skink 19 is seen on two different days in different locations.

