

Mallee Worm-Lizard

Aprasia aurita



At a glance

What is it?

Mallee Worm-Lizards are lizards that don't have legs and grow to measure about 180mm in length – that's about as long as the fork you eat dinner with! These lizards are listed as a threatened species in Victoria.

Where can I find it?

Mallee Worm-Lizards like to live underground under old leaves and rotting tree stumps in Mallee heaths and hummock grasslands.

These lizards have been found in places such as Woomelang and between Ouyen and Hopetoun.

If you want to find one, you will have to look very carefully! They rarely come to surface and have hardly been seen in the last 20 years.

Quirky fact:

The Mallee Worm-Lizard is part of the reptile family Pygopodidae and it has no eyelids.