**Plains Blind Snake**

***Leptotyphlops dulcis***

Source: Wikipedia

DESCRIPTION

* Solid pinkish-brown color, shiny.
* Adults average 8 inches; juveniles as small as 2-1/2 inches.
* They look like earthworms with tongues.
* Blunt head and stubby tail.
* Non-venomous.

LIFE CYCLE

* Mate in early spring
* Female lays 2-7 eggs in June or July and then coils around them
* Eggs hatch in late summer

BEHAVIOR

* Spend most of their time underground
* If handled, they squirm and try to poke the tip of their tail into the handler

HABITAT

* Arid to semi-arid regions
* Mostly underground in loose soil
* Emerge to feed or when their habitat floods after a rain
* Sometimes they enter a house in the spring through water pipes.

FOOD

* Ant and termite larvae

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