

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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