

Mabuya desiradae* (Désirade Skink).*Distribution.**

Dates of observation: 27, 28, and 29 April 2013. Location: Guadeloupe, La Désirade. Coordinates: 16.308167, -61.048528 (30m); 16.307306, -61.051556 (37m); 16.325222, -61.045028 (200m); 16.3255, -61.045306 (200m); and 16.301591, -61.084700 (45m). Voucher: image. These new records extend the distribution of the species and confirm its survival. Previously, the species was observed three times on the island of Désirade: two specimens were collected in 1963 by Albert Schwartz and Richard Thomas (Hedges SB & Conn CE, 2012, A new skink fauna from Caribbean islands [*Squamata, Mabuyidae, Mabuyinae*], *Zootaxa*, 3288, 1-244); one individual was observed in 2000 (Breuil M, 2002, *Histoire naturelle des amphibiens et reptiles terrestres de l'archipel Guadeloupéen*, Paris, MNHN, 339 p.) and one individual was observed in 2010 (Paré T, Lorvelec O. 2012. *Mabuya desiradae* (Désirade Skink). Conservation. *Caribbean Herpetology* 38:1). These recent observations concern five individuals from the plateau of the island (Grand Bassin), the south-west slope (Morne Blanc) and the south coast in dry limestone forest (near Pointe du Désert). This is the first report of this species from two regions (Grand Bassin and Morne Blanc). They were observed in the morning and in the afternoon (10h-16h), basking in the sun on leaf litter. When approached they retreated into their hole or into

thick leaf litter (of *Coccoloba uvera* or *Coccoloba pubescens*). Four individuals were photographed, including one female who appeared pregnant. The Small Indian Mongoose (*Urva auropunctata*) is absent on la Désirade but introduced Roof Rat (*Rattus rattus*) is common and Racoons (*Procyon lotor ex Procyon minor*) are more often observed on this island.

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