

**Scientific Name:** *Phrynosoma hernandesi*

Syn: *Phrynosoma douglasii brevirostre*

**Common Name:** Short-horned Lizard

**Element ID:** 9319

## Taxonomy

**Taxonomic class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Lacertilia

**Family Name:** Phrynosomatidae

**Family Common Name:**

**Genus Name:** Phrynosoma

**Genus Common Name:**

## Taxonomic Comments:

*Phrynosoma douglasii brevirostre* formally reported to be sub-species in Saskatchewan (Cook, 1966). However, that changed with Zamudio et al.'s classification that indicates that *P. hernandesi* is found in Saskatchewan (A97ZAM01NAUS)

## Ranking and Protection Status

**Global Rank:** G5

**COSEWIC Status:** Special Concern

**Provincial Rank:** S2S3

**Provincial Protection Status:** Vulnerable (proposed)

## Diagnostic Characteristics

### Identification Comments:

Short-horned lizards are small, commonly brownish-grey above and yellowish white below. Usually 6.4 to 9.5 cm (2.5-3.75in) in length with short stubby horns around head and a single row of fringe scales along each side of the abdomen (Conant 1958).



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**Lookalikes:**

**Habitat Information and Comments**

**Habitat Comments:**

Preferred habitat consists of Juniper dune terrain on gentle slopes of generally bare soil. It is also generally found in areas of Blue shale within the Grasslands National Park.

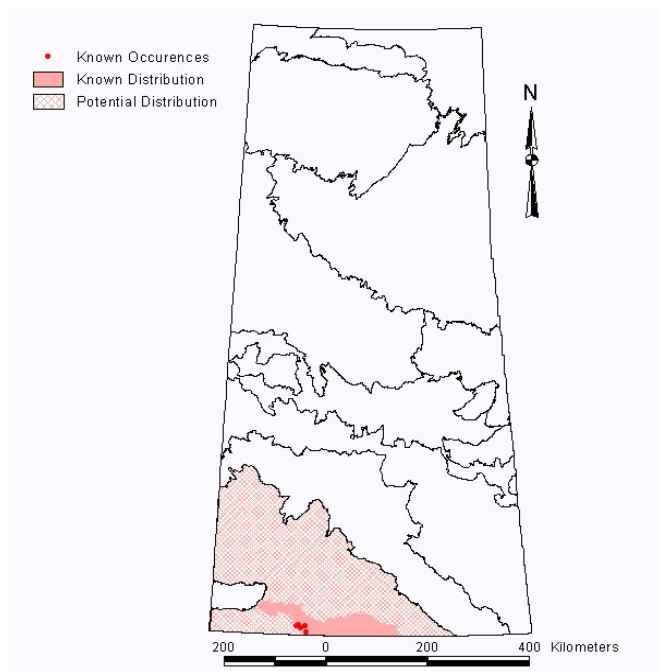
**Threat Comments:**

Threats are limited as all occurrences are within Grassland National Park boundaries (e.g., oil and gas development is restricted). However, grazing may cause erosion.

**Protection Comments:**

Currently no Protection needs for this species

**Saskatchewan Distribution**



**Rural Municipalities:**

VAL MARIE (SK)

**Range Extent Comments:**

Restricted to Grasslands National Park

**Phenology**

**Time of Year**

**Phenology**

Currently no phenology for this species.

**Phenology Comments:**

Adults and young active in late August.

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**Reproduction and Ecology Comments****Reproduction Comments:**

Currently no reproduction notes for this species.

**Management Needs:**

Currently no Management needs for this species.

**Management Comments:**

Currently no management guidelines for this species.

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