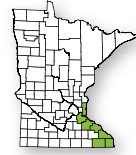


SIX-LINED RACERUNNER

(*Aspidoscelis sexlineata*)



- Status:** Not listed, Species in Greatest Conservation Need
- Size:** Up to 9 inches in total length, snout to vent length $2\frac{1}{3}$ to $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches
- Active season:** Mid-May to late August
- Description:** This lizard has a slender body with a long tail. It is marked with six light yellow to yellow-green dorsal stripes from behind the eye to the base of the tail. Its body is brown or dark brown, and bright green or yellow-green on the sides.
- Dorsal Scales:** Rough and dull
- Diet:** Grasshoppers, crickets, beetles, ants, flies, spiders and other arthropods
- Habitat:** Open sandy or gravelly areas with little ground vegetation, prairies on south facing bluffs and sand outwashes in river flood plains. They overwinter below the frost line in underground burrows, ordinarily self-excavated in loose soil.
- Hunting:** Active forager
- Reproduction:** Egg layer, clutch size is 1-6 eggs
- Notes:** Racerunners' tail can break off if grabbed by a predator. Juvenile Six-lined Racerunners have a powdery blue-green tail. The previous scientific name for this lizard was *Cnemidophorus sexlineatus*.



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