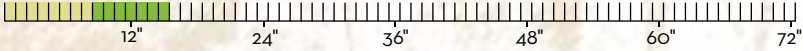
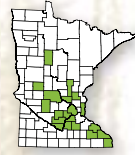


DEKAY'S BROWNSNAKE

(Storeria dekayi)



- Status: Not listed
- Size: 8 - 15 inches
- Active season: Mid April through October
- Scales: Keeled, divided anal plate
- Description: Small, grayish brown snake with a light mid-dorsal stripe bordered by two parallel rows of small dark spots. The belly is pale pink or cream colored with dark pinpoint specks along the edges of the belly scales. There is typically a dark stripe behind each eye.
- Diet: Earthworms, slugs, soft-bodied insect larva, snails
- Habitat: Found under the surface litter in a variety of habitats, including moist areas of deciduous forests and woodland edges, oak savannas, prairies, old fields, and urban areas. They overwinter below the frost line, often in the company of other snake species, in deserted ant mounds, rock piles and stone foundations, and use the same site year after year.
- Hunting: Active forager
- Reproduction: Livebearer, average litter is 13-14 young, but can vary greatly
- Other name(s): None known
- Notes: The DeKay's Brownsnake looks very similar to the Redbelly Snake; however, the Redbelly typically has a bright red or salmon colored belly, and lacks the small blacks dots on the back.



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DeKay's Brownsnake.



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DeKay's Brownsnake.

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