



Winner: This adult male **Gilbert's Skink** was found under a rock in Blue Oak (*Quercus douglasii*) woodland habitat in the northern Sierra Nevada foothills of California by photographer **Jackson D. Shedd**. Although not recognized as a declining or threatened species, the Gilbert's Skink is very poorly known, despite how common this species can be in many areas. Recent genetic work indicates that the taxon currently recognized as *Plestiodon "gilberti"* may comprise numerous species. Such a species split would mean that the range for each of these evolutionary species would become greatly reduced, each confined to much smaller areas.

August 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	Civic Holiday (Can) 6	7	8	9	10	Sabino Canyon Lizard Walk, SC Rec Area, Tucson, AZ, 8:00 am 11
ESA (Ecological Society of America) Annual Meeting, Portland, OR			World Congress of Herpetology 7, Vancouver, BC, Canada			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Runner-up: As part of a research project, **Nathan Gregory** observed these **Santa Fe Marine Iguanas (*Amblyrhynchus cristatus*)** sunning themselves along the rocky coasts of Santa Fe Island (Galápagos Islands, Ecuador). The Santa Fe Marine Iguana is classified as vulnerable by the IUCN. Oil spills and other forms of ocean pollution threaten their food sources, as do El Niño events. Marine iguanas will be sensitive to climate change.

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