

# WANTED



Have you seen this lizard?

## SPOT-TAILED EARLESS LIZARD (*HOLBROOKIA LACERATA*)

The Nature Conservancy of Texas, in partnership with Dr. Ralph W. Axtell of Southern Illinois University, is seeking help from herpetologists, amateur naturalists and members of the public to record sightings of the spot-tailed earless lizard, a vanishing Texas species.

**DESCRIPTION:** About 6 inches long, covered with spots on its back and tail, including spots underneath its tail. No external ear openings.

**RANGE:** Within a rough circle outlined by Pecos, San Angelo, Austin, Corpus Christi and Laredo.

**HABITAT:** Sparsely vegetated areas with some bare ground. Upland savannas, plowed fields in places that originally were grasslands, thinly vegetated mesquite shrublands, semi-xeric mesquite and prickly pear brushlands, and coastal prairie.

PLEASE DO NOT HANDLE THIS LIZARD.