

# The Australian Scincid Lizard Genus *Calyptotis* De Vis: Resurrection of the Name, Description of Four New Species, and Discussion of Relationships

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**ABSTRACT.** Five species of small cryptozoic skinks from the woodlands and forests of eastern Australia are diagnosed as a monophyletic group and given generic rank. The name *Calyptotis* De Vis 1886 is resurrected from the synonymy of *Sphenomorphus* for the genus. Four of the species are described as new and the one previously described species—*C. scutirostrum* W. Peters 1873—is reviewed. Information is provided on distribution, ecology and reproduction for each species. The interspecific and intergeneric relationships of *Calyptotis* are discussed. A key to the species is provided.

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### Abbreviations and Symbols

<p>AM: Australian Museum</p> <p>BMNH: British Museum (Natural History)</p> <p>CAS: California Academy of Sciences</p> <p>MVZ: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley</p>	<p>NMV: National Museum of Victoria</p> <p>QM: Queensland Museum</p> <p>QNP: Queensland National Parks and Wildlife collections</p> <p>SAM: South Australian Museum</p> <p>SD: standard deviation</p> <p>SVL: snout–vent length</p>
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