

Acanthodactylus cantoris GÜNTHER, 1864
Indian Fringe-toed Lizard

Global range: Afghanistan, India, Iran, Jordan, and Pakistan.

Distribution in Iran: Sistan and Baluchestan Province.

Biology: Indian Fringe-toed Lizards live in deserts and in sandy habitats covered with shrubs. This species can be found in areas with or without vegetation. For instance, specimens were seen in a dry stream with dense vegetation of *Phragmites* near Iranshahr.

Size: Snout–vent length 70 mm, tail length 60 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.





Figs. 187–188: *Acanthodactylus cantoris* is characterized by white longitudinal stripes on its dorsal surface. The dark brownish-grey stripes are wider than the white lines and interspersed with pale spots. The tail has a pinkish hue in young individuals (above).

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Status: Rare.

Conservation status: IUCN: –, CITES: –, National: Non-protected.

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.