

Acanthodactylus grandis BOULENGER, 1909
Giant Fringe-toed Lizard

Global range: Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Bushehr, and Khuzestan.

Biology: The Giant Fringe-toed Lizard lives in sandy lands with little spiny bush coverage, sand dunes and also in cultivated areas near them.

This species hides inside holes or between roots. This lizard moves hands alternately and waves its tail from side to side when confronting an enemy. This motion entices predators to attack the tail and the lizard can run away.



Fig. 189: There are four rows of black-and-white spots on the back of *Acanthodactylus grandis*.
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Fig. 190: In *Acanthodactylus khamirensis*, the dorsal surface has pale spots and faint longitudinal stripes. The ventral surface is white.

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Size: Snout–vent length 74 mm, tail length 122 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.