



Fig. 198: *Darevskia caspica* is greyish-olive above with dark spots that form a vertebral stripe and green below.

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Darevskia caspica

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Central Hyrcanian Lizard



Global range: Iran.

Distribution in Iran: Mazandaran Province.

Biology: The Central Hyrcanian Lizard lives in forested areas and on trunk of trees, similarly to most species of this genus. The first specimen has been reported from 130 m a.s.l. This species climbs well on trunks of trees. In shadowed areas, it moves up to the top of trees in search of suitable basking spots.

Size: Snout–vent length 60 mm, tail length 120 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.