

Darevskia chlorogaster (BOULENGER, 1908)
Green-bellied Lizard

Global range: Azerbaijan and Iran.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Ardabil, Gilan, Mazandaran, Tehran, and Zanjan.

Biology: The Green-bellied Lizard is restricted to the forest belt. This species climbs well on trunk of trees. In shadowed areas, it moves up to the top of trees for finding spots with sunlight. This species occurs up to about 1,500 m a. s. l.



Fig. 199: Males of *Darevskia chlorogaster* are greyish-olive, green or bronze above and green below with a row of blue spots on the flanks.

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Fig. 200: *Darevskia chlorogaster*, female. The dorsal surface is pale brown to golden with small black markings, the lower parts are green to yellowish-green. The dark brown lateral stripe has a wavy outline and is spotted with white. Joachim NERZ

Size: Snout–vent length 72 mm, tail length 147 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Gastropods, worms, arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.