

Eremias fasciata BLANFORD, 1874
Sistan Racerunner

Global range: Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Hormozgan, Isfahan (?), Kerman, Razavi Khorasan, South Khorasan, Semnan, Sistan and Baluchestan, Tehran (?), and Yazd.

Biology: The Sistan Racerunner lives in arid and semi-arid areas at elevations ranging between 450 and 1,700 m a.s.l., mainly in sandy and gritty zones, salt lands and clay alluvia. The characteristic vegetation of its habitat usually consists of sparse and scattered steppe plants such as *Tamarix*, *Haloxylon*, *Alhagi*, *Prosopis farcta* and *Artemisia*. This



lizard usually reduces its activity during the warm hours of the day. It climbs onto branches of shrubs when it feels in danger.

Size: Snout–vent length 63 mm, tail length 111 mm (regenerated).

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.



Fig. 220: There are 5–8 narrow dark stripes on the dorsal surface of *Eremias fasciata*.

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