

Eremias lalezharica MORAVEC, 1994

Lalehzar Racerunner

Global range: Iran.

Distribution in Iran: Kerman Province.

Biology: The Lalehzar Racerunner has been observed in dry streams of mountainous areas in the surrounding of Lalehzar village with dominant vegetation including *Artemisia*, *Astragalus*, *Tagetes*, *Ferula*, and also around cultivated lands. Another specimen has been found in cold, montane habitats with a humid climate at an elevation of 2,890 m a.s.l. This species usually hides between or under stones when it feels in danger.

Size: Snout-vent length 71 mm, tail length 116 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common (at type locality).

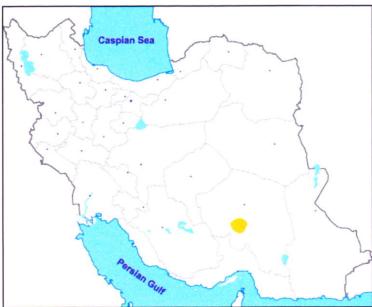




Fig. 228: *Eremias lalezharica* is characterized by two longitudinal dark dorsal stripes with cream-coloured spots, a row of bluish-green circles on the lower sides between the limbs.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.