

Iranolacerta zagrosica
(RASTEGAR-POUYANI & NILSON, 1998)
Zagros Lizard



Global range: Iran.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Isfahan, and Lorestan.

Biology: The Zagros Lizard inhabits sparsely vegetated areas in the Central Zagros mountain range. As a rule, this species lives on rocks and boulders in syntopy with the Caucasian Agama. This species has been recorded at elevations ranging from 2,450 to 3,200 m a.s.l. *Iranolacerta zagrosica* is also known from the vicinity of Fereydonshahr City.

Size: Snout–vent length 68 mm, tail length 114 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Reasonably common.



Fig. 247: *Iranolacerta zagrosica*. Note beige-brown or green body and tail, and scattered pale spots on flanks creating a reticulated pattern. Females have a blue belly, which is dark-spotted in males.

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Fig. 249: *Lacerta media*, juvenile. The 1st and 5th dorsal stripes are divided into pale blotches posteriorly.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.