

Timon kurdistanicus (SUCHOW, 1936)
Kurdistan Lizard

Global range: Iran, Iraq, and Turkey.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Kermanshah and Kurdistan.

Biology: This large-bodied lizard inhabits rocky areas and open oak forests and often also open meadows. Its habits are probably similar to those of the Zagros Lizard. The distribution of this species is limited by the Mediterranean climate with about 100–150 dry days without rainfall. It is also seen in cold steppes characterized by about 5–6 months of icy conditions and dry periods.

Size: Snout–vent length 148 mm, tail length 303 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.



Fig. 259: *Timon kurdistanicus*, female. Note longitudinal rows of white, brown-edged blotches on the flanks (the largest at the middle). The head is black in males, pale blue to grey in females.

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