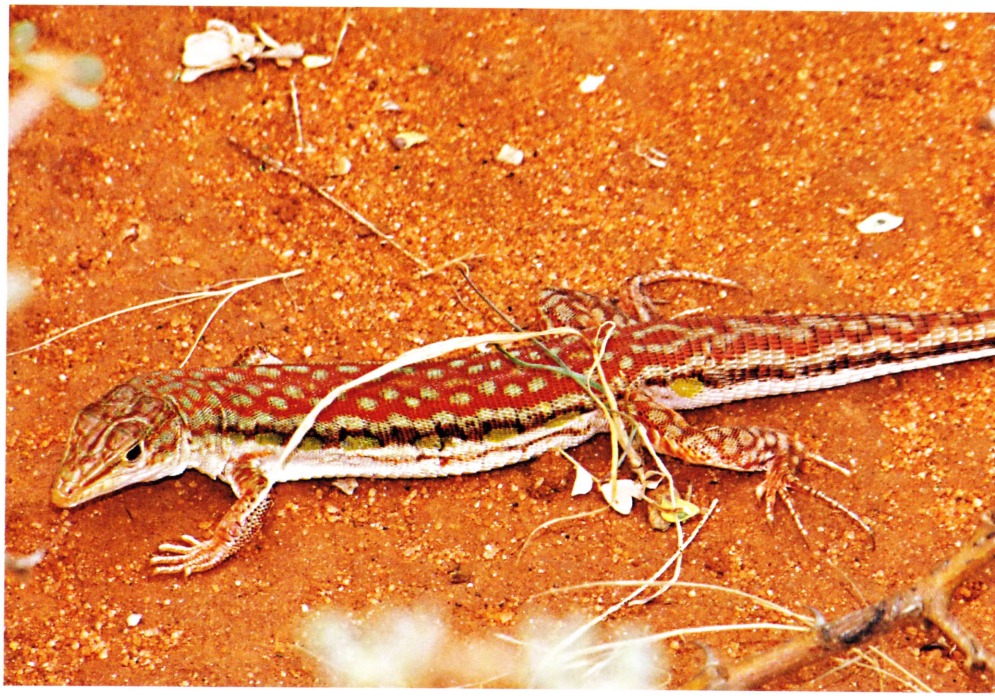


Fig. 299: Parker's Long-tailed Lizard *Latastia caeruleopunctata*, Ethiopia. D. HEGNER

Genus *Latastia* BEDRIAGA, 1884 — Long-tailed lizards

Latastia caeruleopunctata PARKER, 1935

Parker's Long-tailed Lizard or Blue-spotted Long-tailed Lizard

Description: Maximum total length about 33 cm, on average 20–30 cm, tail 65–75% of the total. Slim; dorsal scales keeled; body slightly depressed; limbs short. Dorsal colour usually brick-red, sometimes yellowish brown; back and flanks covered with discrete green, turquoise or blue spots, quite dense on the flanks, and with vertical bars between the flank spots; tail largely green, underside white.
Range: In low-altitude dry savannah and semidesert. Kenyan records from the northern frontier region in Mandera and east of Moyale.
Habits: Secretive and poorly known, diurnal, terrestrial in open and dense acacia bushland; seeks cover in holes between roots; presumably oviparous and feeding on invertebrates.