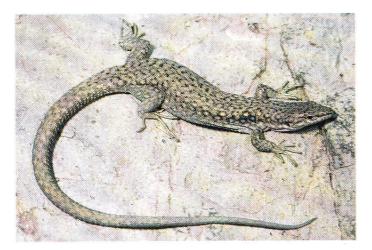
Lacerta unisexualis DAREWSKY, 1966 Unisexual Lizard

Identification: Total length up to 20 cm. Rostral does not contact external nares, joins internasal by a long edge; a single postnasal; 4 supralabials in front of subocular. 49-55 rows of smooth dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 16-21. The dorsum is brown or gray-brown with barely distinct dark maculations and two rows of white maculations on each side of the vertebral region. The flanks are slightly darker than dorsum and with blackish maculations. The venter is white.

Habitat & Biology: Prefers rocky-stony areas and found in high steppes. Feeds on insects and other soft bodied invertebrates. Parthenogenetically, a female lays around 5 eggs.

Distribution: Found in Turkey and adjacent Georgia, with a vertical distribution to 2000 m. In Turkey, known from Vilayets Erzurum, Ardahan and Ağrı.



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