

*Darevskia praticola* (EVERSMANN, 1834)

Meadow Lizard

**Global range:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia and Greece, Iran, Serbia, Russia, and Turkey.

**Distribution in Iran:** Provinces of Ardabil and Gilan.

**Biology:** There is no information about the habitat of the Meadow Lizard in Iran, but in Caucasia it occurs in broad-leaf forests and banks of streams, ranches, and meadows. This lizard is mainly found on the humid soil near bodies of water and reservoirs.

**Size:** Snout–vent length 64 mm, tail length 131 mm.

**Reproduction:** Oviparous.

**Status:** Unknown.

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

**Diet:** Gastropods, worms, arachnids and insects.

**Activity pattern:** Diurnal.





Fig. 206: There is a brownish-grey vertebral line in *Darevskia praticola*. Additionally, a dark stripe extends backwards from the temple along the flank on both sides. Ladan SHOKRI