

Darevskia raddei (BOETTGER, 1892)

Radde's Lizard

Global range: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, and Turkey.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Ardabil, East Azerbaijan, West Azerbaijan, Gilan, and Zanzan.

Biology: Radde's Lizard has been recorded from arid rocky regions in forest zones at high elevation (1,600–1,800 m a. s. l.) to high mountain slopes with no vegetation on the Iranian border. This species is also found at lower elevations down to narrow valleys and rocks without vegetation in Azerbaijan. This species forms large populations in Iran. This lizard reproduces by parthenogenesis.

Size: Snout–vent length 69 mm, tail length 134 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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





Figs. 207–208: In *Darevskia raddei*, the dorsal surface is olive to grey with a brownish-grey pattern. The flanks bear dark stripes with pale blotches and blue markings.

AmirHossein BAKHTIYARI (above), Benny TRAPP (below)

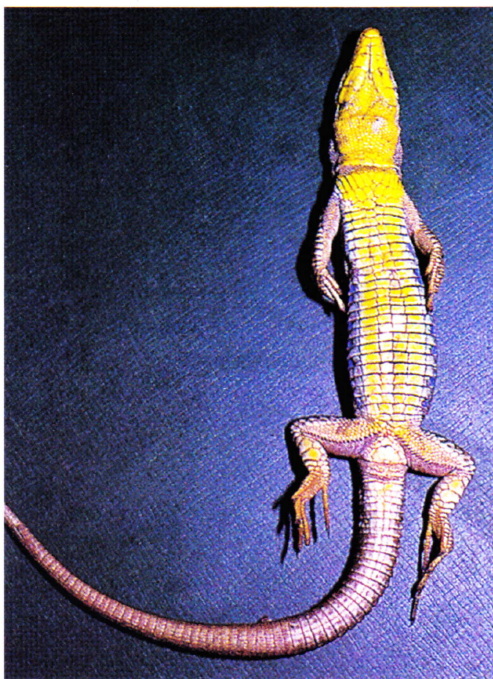


Fig. 209:

Darevskia raddei has a yellow, blue or greenish-white belly.

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Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.