



Figs. 226–227: The flanks of adult *Eremias kopetdagica* are adorned with green-blue specks (above). The transversal streaks on the sides are often divided into large blotches. Immature specimens boast dark longitudinal stripes on their dorsal and lateral surfaces (below).

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***Eremias kopetdagica* SZCZERBAK, 1972**

Kopet Dagh Racerunner

**Global range:** Iran and Turkmenistan.

**Distribution in Iran:** Provinces of Golestan, North Khorasan, Razavi Khorasan, and Semnan.

**Biology:** The Kopet Dagh Racerunner is observed in piedmont areas covered with scattered stones and rocks. The dominant vegetation in the habitat of this species includes bushes such as *Astragalus* and *Artemisia*. Unlike *E. persica*, this species climbs on steep sides of rocks and boulders.

**Size:** Snout–vent length 68 mm, tail length 122 mm.

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