



Fig. 261: *Timon princeps*, male. Males have blue heads, blue-centered black ocelli and a beige body. Kamran KAMALI

*Timon princeps* (BLANFORD, 1874)  
Zagros Ocellated Lizard

**Global range:** Iran.

**Distribution in Iran:** Provinces of Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, Fars, Ilam, Isfahan, Kermanshah, Khuzestan, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, and Lorestan.

**Biology:** The Zagros Ocellated Lizard lives in mountainous rocky regions with vegetation including oaks, wild pistachio and common almond and often open meadows. It is apparently active during early hours in morning on crown of oaks and from noon to evening on the ground and under the foliage of oak trees. It quickly ascends trees when disturbed.

**Size:** Snout-vent length 145 mm, tail length 289 mm.

**Reproduction:** Oviparous.

**Status:** Common.

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

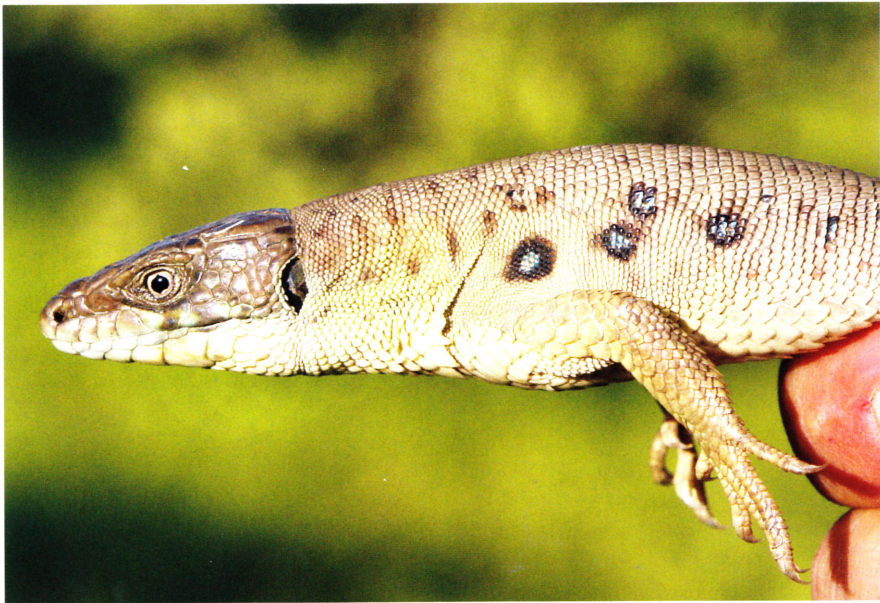
**Diet:** Arachnids and insects.

**Activity pattern:** Diurnal.



◁ Fig. 260: *Timon kurdistanicus*, Zagros Mountains.

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Figs. 262–263: *Timon princeps*, females. Females of this species have fewer lateral ocelli and a greyish-green head.  
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