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A new *Eremias* (Sauria: Lacertidae) from the Zagros Mountains, Hamedan Province, western Iran

A new and distinctive form belonging to the genus and subgenus *Eremias Fitzinger*, 1834 is reported from the highlands of Alvand Mountains, Hamedan Province, western Iran at about 2700 m elevation. It is easily distinguished from all the other species of the typical subgenus (*E. velox*, *E. persica*, *E. strauchi*, *E. nigrolateralis*, *E. lalezharica*, *E. afghanistanica*, *E. regeli*, *E. suphani*, and *E. nikolskii*) by having a variable number of postmentals (4-5 pairs), smaller size, and distinctive color pattern. Furthermore, it can be distinguished by having a combination of characters against any of the species in the typical subgenus. Further work, using both morphological and molecular techniques, is now being carried out on this new form in order to determine its exact taxonomic and phylogenetic status. Systematics of the genus *Eremias* is shortly discussed.

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Rediscovery of the Eastern Fire Salamander, *Salamandra Infracinnata* *Semenovi* (Caudata: Salamandridae), from Kurdistan Province, western Iran

Based on extensive field work and research in the central and northern Zagros Mountains, Kurdistan province, western Iran, the presence of the *Eastern Fire Salamander*, *Salamandra Infracinnata Semenovi* Joger and Steinfartz, 1995 is reconfirmed. This subspecies mainly occurs in the alpine meadows at the elevations between 1200-1900 m, relatively close to the mountainous streams and brooks. Taxonomy and distribution of the eastern fire salamanders are shortly discussed and the importance of rediscovery of this taxon is explained.
