

Darevskia kopetdaghica

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Kopet Dagh Lizard

Global range: Iran.

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

Biology: The Kopet Dagh Lizard lives in mountainous areas with alpine grass vegetation (including *Acantholimon* and *Artemisia*) and also rocky outcrops. The first specimen of this species has been reported to be living at 2,159 m a.s.l. This species strongly depends on moisture and is mainly found beside or near bodies of water.

Size: Snout–vent length 57 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.





Fig. 205: In *Darevskia kopetdaghica*, neck and body are greyish-olive or greyish-brown with dark blotches. The dark brownish-grey lateral stripe has a wavy outline and is dotted with white. The mesial part of the belly is red-brown, with the outer parts of the ventral scales having blue spots.

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