

**Fig. 238:**Juvenile *Eremias pleskei*.

The flanks are pale with an irregular, dark dorsolateral stripe on both sides. The seven longitudinal dorsal stripes are wider than the space between them.

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Eremias pleskei NIKOLSKY, 1905
Pleske's Racerunner

Global range: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkey.

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

Biology: Pleske's Racerunner lives in semi-arid sandy or stony steppe areas covered with *Artemisia* vegetation. It hides amidst stones or inside holes when it senses danger. Occasionally, this lizard has been observed to climb up into low bushes.

Size: Snout–vent length 60 mm, tail length 106 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Unknown.



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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.