



Fig. 244: *Iranolacerta brandtii*, female. Note black-edged white spots on back and blue spots on flanks.

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Iranolacerta brandtii (DE FILIPPI, 1863)

Brandt's Persian Lizard

Global range: Azerbaijan and Iran, Turkey.

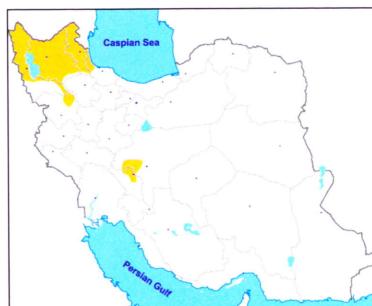
Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Ardabil, East Azerbaijan, West Azerbaijan, Chahar Mahal and Bakhtiari, Gilan, Isfahan, and Kurdistan.

Biology: Brandt's Persian Lizard inhabits gullies, slopes, foothills in steppe areas, and it also lives on layers of volcanic tuffs and on large rocks. The vegetation of these habitats, consisting of shrubs, has been subject to overgrazing by livestock. This lizard usually hides under large stones and exits immediately to take advantage of sunshine. It hides under or in bushes and often runs from one bush to another.

Size: Snout-vent length 75 mm, tail length 138 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.



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