



Fig. 248: The dorsal surface is pale green or brownish-olive with five pale stripes in adult *Lacerta media*.

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Fig. 249: *Lacerta media*, juvenile. The 1st and 5th dorsal stripes are divided into pale blotches posteriorly.

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Lacerta media LANTZ & CYRÉN, 1920

Three-lined Lizard

Global range: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Russia, Syria, and Turkey.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Ardabil, East Azerbaijan, West Azerbaijan, Hamadan, Isfahan, Kermanshah, Kurdistan, Lorestan, Markazi, Qazvin, and Zanzan.

Biology: The Three-lined Lizard is a large-sized green lizard that lives in areas with bushy and open forest vegetation at various elevations ranging from 600 to 2,000 m a.s.l. This species is rarely seen on relatively steep and dry rocky slopes and steppe re-







◁ Fig. 250: *Lacerta media*.

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gions. It chooses lowlands such as fluvial valleys filled with meadows as its main habitat. This species is usually more active in sunny days of the warm months of summer.

Size: Snout–vent length 116 mm, tail length 263 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Reasonably common.

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