



Fig. 283: Multi-scaled Forest Lizard *Adolfus africanus*, Isecheno, Kakamega Forest.

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Fig. 284: Mt. Kenya Alpine Meadow Lizard *Adolfus alleni*, Old Moses Camp, Sirimon Route, Mt. Kenya National Park.

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Fig. 285: Mt. Kenya Alpine Meadow Lizard *Adolfus alleni*, Mt. Kenya.

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Fig. 286: Jackson's Forest Lizard *Adolfus jacksoni*, Mt. Elgon.

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Habits: On tree trunks and fallen logs. Probably lays eggs; feeds on insects and other arthropods.

Adolfus alleni (BARBOUR, 1914)

Mt. Kenya Alpine Meadow Lizard or Allen's Alpine Meadow Lizard

Description: Total length about 16 cm, tail about 65% the total. Head short; tail tapering smoothly; body scales keeled. Brown or olive above, with a broad dark vertebral stripe; two black-edged dorsolateral stripes, either lime, green or red-brown; flanks rufous; belly orange/white.

Range: In the alpine zone and moorlands around 3000–4500 m on Mt. Kenya, in grass tussocks above the treeline and in grasslands within the bamboo zone; also recorded at 2400 m in a Chogoria Forest glade below the bamboo zone.

Habits: Largely terrestrial and diurnal, in the grass tussocks of moorlands, where it mainly takes refuge; basking in open patches or on grass tussocks. Possibly oviparous; feeding on insects and other arthropods.

Conservation status: Near Threatened (NT).

Adolfus jacksoni (BOULENGER, 1899)

Jackson's Forest Lizard

Description: Snout–vent length about 9 cm, total length about 26 cm. Build fairly robust, tail long. Tail scales strongly keeled; a collar fold under the neck. Brown or