

Heliobolus neumanni (TORNIER, 1905)
Neumann's Sand Lizard

Description: Snout–vent length about 5 cm, total length 15 cm at maximum. A characteristic red tail; head shields not striated but smooth; a straight collar is present. Brownish-black above, with striking orange-red limbs and tail; the vertebral stripe is bordered laterally by thin beige stripes; two longitudinal series of small, diffuse, black spots either



Fig. 296: Speke's Sand Lizard *Heliobolus spekii spekii*, Voi town.

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Fig. 297: Speke's Sand Lizard *Heliobolus spekii*

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randomly scattered or aligned longitudinally within this stripe; flanks with two light, diffuse stripes, interspersed with black spots; one lateral stripe stretching from the upper surface of the snout consists of a series of dash marks, becoming sharply defined at the level of the hind limbs and extending down the tail, the most lateral one starts on the lower jaw and ends at the hind limbs.

Range: In moist and dry savannah; rare; early records from the Tana River Delta at Ngatana and Wema, more recent records at Mutomo in Kitui in the south, and from the Dakatcha woodlands of Kilifi.

Habits: Unknown, but probably like those of other sand lizards; terrestrial; the Mutomo specimen was caught in a pitfall trap together with a Speke's Sand lizard.