

***Eremias suphani* BAŞOĞLU-HELLMICH, 1968**
Suphan Racerunner

Identification: Total length up to 20 cm. Formerly a subspecies of *E. strauchi*, raised to species level in 1980. Similar to that species, but differs by having gular scales continuing to second inframaxillary plates. 50-64 rows of scales around mid-trunk; femoral pores between 16-26. The dorsum generally similar to that of *E. strauchi*; only in young, usually with longitudinal rows of white dots.

Habitat & Biology: Like that of *E. strauchi*.

Distribution: Endemic for Turkey, known from the vicinity of Lake Van, within the boundaries of Vilayets Van and Bitlis; with a vertical distribution up to 2400 m.



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