

Eremias grammica (LICHTENSTEIN, 1823)

Reticulate Racerunner

Global range: Afghanistan, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Razavi Khorasan, South Khorasan, and Semnan.

Biology: The Reticulate Racerunner lives in stabilized sandy areas and relatively loose zones covered with salt-tolerant plants, i.e., *Tamarix* and *Haloxylon*. This species usually sinks into the sand beside the roots of bushes during the warm hours of the day and stays there until the air becomes cooler.

Size: Snout–vent length 100 mm, tail length 167 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.



Fig. 222: The narrow, dark brown or chestnut reticulated pattern on its dorsal surface gives *Eremias grammica* its common name.

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Conservation status: IUCN: Least Concern, CITES: –, National: Non-protected.

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.
