

*Eremias grammica* (LICHENSTEIN, 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. Kamran KAMALI

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

**Diet:** Arachnids and insects.

**Activity pattern:** Diurnal.