

Family Lacertidae

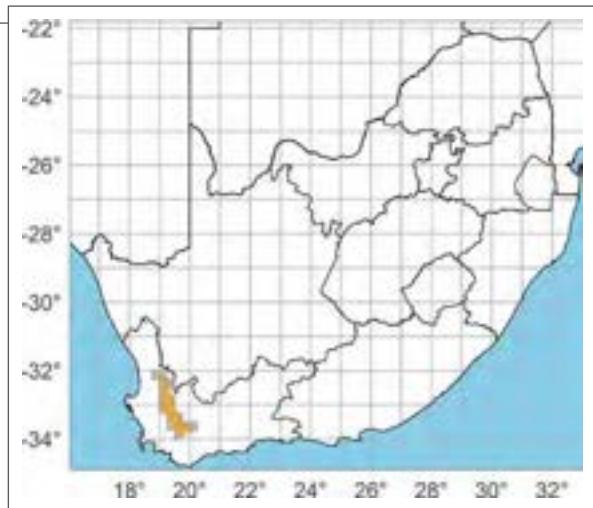
Australolacerta australis (Hewitt, 1926)

Southern Rock Lizard

South African endemic

■ LC – Least Concern (Global)

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Previous Red List categories:

2018: Least Concern (Global IUCN assessment).
 2017: Least Concern (Global IUCN assessment).
 2014: Least Concern (SARCA).
 2010: Least Concern (Global IUCN assessment).
 1996: Lower Risk/Least Concern (Global IUCN assessment).
 1994: Rare as *Lacerta australis* (Global IUCN assessment).

Assessment rationale: Has a relatively small range but occurs mostly in high-elevation areas where there is little anthropogenic threat to the habitat.

Taxonomic notes: No notable issues. *Other important names:* none.

Distribution: Distributed in the southeastern extent of South Africa, across the Cape Fold Mountain range from the Cederberg, southeast to the Langeberg. *EEO:* 8 680 km²; *Distribution:* 6 480 km².

Country of occurrence: South Africa.

Habitat and ecology: Occurs at the higher elevations of mountainous regions in the Fynbos biome. *Habitat:* Shrubland.

Threats: There are no significant threats to this species.

Population trend: The species is not considered to be in decline because most of the distribution is within areas that are not impacted by habitat transformation.

Conservation and research recommendations: No recommendations.

Australolacerta australis, Heuningvlei, Cederberg Wilderness Area, Western Cape province (© F.N. Mouton).

