

*Acanthodactylus blanfordii*

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Blanford's Fringe-toed Lizard

**Global range:** Afghanistan, India, Iran, Oman, Pakistan, and UAE.

**Distribution in Iran:** Provinces of Hormozgan, Kerman, and Sistan and Baluchestan.

**Biology:** Blanford's Fringe-toed Lizards occupy sand dunes covered with tamarisk and *Acacia*, as well as areas covered with clay and gravel adjacent to sandy formations. This species has not been reported from elevations higher than 1,400 m a.s.l. When it feels threatened, it takes refuge in holes or root systems.

**Size:** Snout–vent length 66 mm, tail length 131 mm.

**Reproduction:** Oviparous.

**Status:** Common.

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

**Diet:** Arachnids and insects.

**Activity pattern:** Diurnal.



Fig. 184: *Acanthodactylus blanfordii*, juvenile.

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Fig. 185: *Acanthodactylus blanfordii*, adult. The scales on the flanks are as large as the dorsals. There are 6–7 pale longitudinal stripes with rows of black points.

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