

*Eremias pleskei* BEDRIAGA, 1907  
Pleske's Racerunner

**Identification:** More slender bodied than *E. trauchi*, with a total length up to 15 cm. Occipital absent; subocular in contact with edge of the mouth. 48-63 rows of scales around mid-trunk; femoral pores between 7-18, their rows more apart medially (the medial space usually 1/3 the length of a single row). The dorsum is brown with longitudinal lighter colored lines. The venter is white or cream colored.

**Habitat & Biology:** Inhabits arid, sandy, partly rocky areas with semi-desert conditions; hides under stones. Feeds on insects and plant material. A female lays 2-4 eggs.

**Distribution:** Known from Turkey, NW Iran and Armenia; with a vertical distribution between 500-1700 m. Lives in the vicinity of Iğdır in E Anatolia.



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