

Lacerta clarkorum DAREWSKY-VEDMEDERJA, 1977
Clarks' Lizard

Identification: Total length up to 20 cm. Rostral does not contact external nares; a single postnasal; 4 supralabials in front of subocular. 47-55 rows of dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 16-21. The dorsum is grayish-green anteriorly, brownish posteriorly, with randomly distributed indistinct light brown maculations. An intermittent stripe of whitish small spots separate the dorsum from the darker colored flank, which may have light colored maculations. The venter is bright greenish-yellow.

Habitat & Biology: Inhabits areas with big stones and rocks in damp bushy and wooded places near streams. Feeds on insects and other soft bodied invertebrates. No more data available on its biology.

Distribution: Known from Turkey and Armenia, with a vertical distribution to 1200 m. In Anatolia, lives in the coastal strip of the Black Sea region eastwards from Giresun.



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