

***Lacerta laevis* GRAY, 1838**
Hatay Lizard

Identification: Total length around 14-25 cm. Rostral in contact with external nares; 2 postnasals; 5 supralabials in front of subocular; supraciliary granules usually not in a complete row; 49-64 rows of keeled dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 17-22. The dorsum is gray, greenish-brown with dark spots or maculations. Flanks with a longitudinal dark stripe, above which greenish-white round spots are present. The venter is yellowish-white or light green, lateral parts with blue spots. Chin and throat brick red in breeding season.

Habitat & Biology: Inhabits sandy slopes, arid and vegetated areas, cultivated fields, loose garden walls, rocky and stony damp places; sometimes arboreal. Feeds on insects. A female lays 2-6 eggs.

Distribution: Known from Turkey, Cyprus Island, Syria, Lebanon and Israel; with a vertical distribution to 1200 m. Turkish range in Vilayets Hatay, Adana and İçel.



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