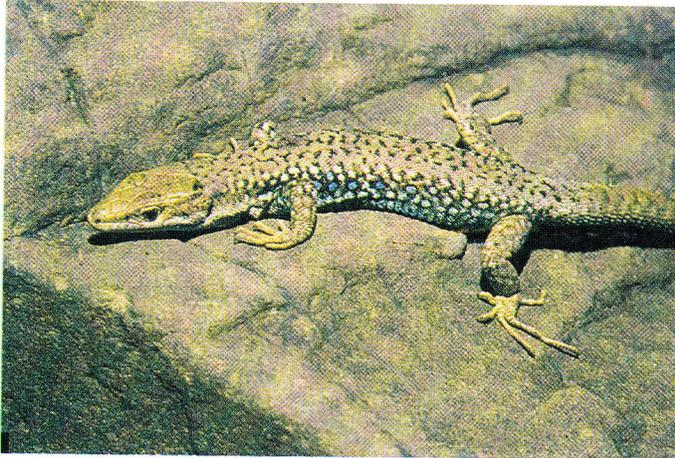


***Lacerta raddei*** BOETTGER, 1892  
**Radde's Lizard**

**Identification:** Total length up to 21 cm. Rostral does not contact external nares; a single postnasal; 5 supralabials in front of subocular. 43-62 rows of smooth dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 13-22. The dorsum is gray or light brown with dark maculations either randomly distributed or forming longitudinal rows, sometimes they are indistinct. More frequent and darker colored maculations with whitish centers on flanks. The venter is white or greenish-white; sides of the abdomen with blue markings during the breeding season.

**Habitat & Biology:** Prefers high steppes, rocky-stony areas next to streams. Feeds on insects and other soft bodied invertebrates. A female lays 4 eggs.

**Distribution:** Its range includes Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkmenistan; with a vertical distribution up to 3000 m. In Turkey, represented with two subspecies: *L. r. nairensis* DAREWSKY, 1967 is known from Vilayets Kars, Erzurum and Ağrı, while *L. r. vanensis* EISELT-SCHMIDTLER-DAREWSKY, 1993 is found within Vilayet Van.



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