
Lacerta uzzelli DAREWSKY-DANIELYAN, 1977

Uzzell's Lizard

Identification: Total length up to 18 cm. Rostral does not contact external nares; a single postnasal; 4 supralabials in front of subocular. 47-65 rows of smooth dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 15-20. The dorsum is gray-brown with randomly distributed slightly distinct small dark maculations. Rows of whitish spots between the dorsum and flanks, more distinct anteriorly. Flanks with dark and light maculations. The venter is greenish-yellow, lateral ventrals with blue markings.

Habitat & Biology: Prefers rocky, stony areas with sparse vegetation, sometimes seen in open rocky parts of forests. Feeds on insects and molluscs.

Distribution: Known from Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan; with a vertical distribution up to 2200 m. Its range in Turkey includes Vilayets Erzurum, Kars, Ardahan and Ağrı.



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