



Fig. 233: *Eremias papenfussi* is characterized by five dark brown or black longitudinal stripes and scattered dark markings.

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**Reproduction:** Oviparous.

**Status:** Common.

**Conservation status:** IUCN: Least Concern, CITES: –, National: Non-protected.

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### *Eremias papenfussi*

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**Global range:** Iran.

**Distribution in Iran:** Tehran Province.

**Biology:** This species inhabits gently sloping rocky soils with a dominant vegetation composed of *Artemisia*, *Astragalus* and annual grasses in the Alborz Mountain Range. Based on his own observations, the author considers *Eremias papenfussi* to be more widespread than presently thought.





Fig. 234: *Eremias papenfussi*. Note four longitudinal rows of dark blotches, each adorned with a white spot, a brown, dark-edged stripe extending from behind ear to the tail, interrupted by pale spots.

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