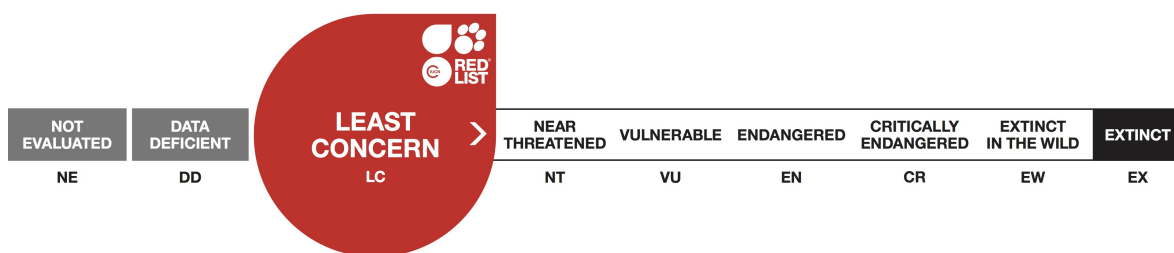


Darevskia rudis, Spiny-Tailed Lizard

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Squamata	Lacertidae

Taxon Name: *Darevskia rudis* (Bedriaga, 1886)

Common Name(s):

- English: Spiny-Tailed Lizard
- French: Lezard a Queue Epineuse

Taxonomic Notes:

This species was formerly included in the genus *Lacerta*, but is now included in *Darevskia*, following Arribas (1998, 1999), Fu *et al.* (1997), Fu (1998) and Harris *et al.* (1998).

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern [ver 3.1](#)

Year Published: 2009

Date Assessed: December 14, 2008

Justification:

This species is listed as Least Concern in view of its wide distribution, presumed large population, and because it is unlikely to be declining fast enough to qualify for listing in a more threatened category.

Geographic Range

Range Description:

This species occurs in northern coastal Turkey, Georgia, Russia and Azerbaijan. There are five known subspecies in Turkey and two known in Georgia and Russia. It occurs from sea level up to 2,400m asl.

Country Occurrence:

Native: Azerbaijan; Georgia; Russian Federation; Turkey

Distribution Map



Darevskia rudis

Range

- Extant (resident)

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Population

It is a common species. Densities can be 17 - 23 individuals or more for 1 km² (on average).

Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

It occurs in rocky areas in temperate forest. Sometimes it occurs in montane-steppe area. It can live on the walls of buildings and other human structures. The female lays four to eight eggs.

Systems: Terrestrial

Threats

There are not considered to be any major threats to this species.

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It occurs in protected areas throughout its range. Other than general research, no direct conservation measures are currently needed.

Credits

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Appendix

Habitats

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Habitat	Season	Suitability	Major Importance?
1. Forest -> 1.4. Forest - Temperate	-	Suitable	-
3. Shrubland -> 3.4. Shrubland - Temperate	-	Marginal	-
4. Grassland -> 4.4. Grassland - Temperate	-	Marginal	-
0. Root -> 6. Rocky areas (eg. inland cliffs, mountain peaks)	-	Suitable	-
14. Artificial/Terrestrial -> 14.4. Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	-	Suitable	-

Conservation Actions in Place

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management
Conservation sites identified: Yes, over entire range

Research Needed

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Research Needed
1. Research -> 1.2. Population size, distribution & trends
1. Research -> 1.3. Life history & ecology

Additional Data Fields

Distribution
Lower elevation limit (m): 0
Upper elevation limit (m): 2400
Population
Population severely fragmented: No

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