

Acanthodactylus boskianus (DAUDIN, 1802)
Bosk's Fringe-toed Lizard

Global range: Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, and Yemen.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Ilam, Kermanshah, Khuzestan, and Lorestan.

Biology: Bosk's Fringe-toed Lizards inhabit sand dunes covered with *Astragalus* as well as areas including gypsum and lime structures with deep gullies and holes. Apparently, this species is dependent on the presence of annual grasses and wild almonds. This lizard sinks into the sand in the warmest hours of the day and stays there until it is cool enough.

Size: Snout-vent length 66 mm, tail length 134 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.





Fig. 186: *Acanthodactylus boskianus* has pale stripes on its back.

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Status: Rare.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.