

*Acanthodactylus schmidtii* HAAS, 1957

Schmidt's Fringe-toed Lizard

**Global range:** Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE.

**Distribution in Iran:** Provinces of Bushehr, Khuzestan, and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad.

**Biology:** Schmidt's Fringe-toed Lizard lives in sand dunes with sparse vegetation. This species may also be found in open sandy plains with bushy coverage along with shrubs. It usually moves toward these plants to use them as shelter or as shading. It excavates its nest under bushes.

**Size:** Snout–vent length 85 mm, tail length 146 mm.

**Reproduction:** Oviparous.

**Status:** Common.

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

**Diet:** Arachnids and insects.

**Activity pattern:** Diurnal.





Fig. 194: *Acanthodactylus schmidtii* is characterized by more or less regular circular spots in longitudinal rows. Note regenerated tail in this individual.

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