

Eremias suphani

BAŞOĞLU & HELLMICH, 1968

Suphan Racerunner

Global range: Iran and Turkey.

Distribution in Iran: West Azerbaijan Province.

Biology: Suphan's Racerunner was reportedly seen in West Azerbaijan Province in 2013. It is found around Lake Van and Lake Urmia. This species has been adapted to humid mountainous

steppes. This lacertid has been reported to be living up to 2,400 m a.s.l. It hides in rock crevices in case of danger. It can also dig into the soil. There is no information available about the habitat and the behaviour of this species in Iran.

Size: Total length 200 mm.





Fig. 241: In *Eremias suphani*, the large dark blotches on the dorsal surface are surrounded by pale spots.

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Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Reasonably common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.