



Schmidt's fringe-toed lizard (*Acanthodactylus schmidtii*)



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English name: Schmidt's Fringe-Toed Lizard

Scientific name: *Acanthodactylus schmidtii*

First description: Haas, 1957

Family: Lacertidae

Synonyms: *Acanthodactylus cantoris schmidtii*

Similar species: *Acanthodactylus scutellatus*

Habitat and Ecology

This is a medium size lizard with a total length smaller than 20 cm. It is active during the day and can be found on sandy vegetated areas, dunes with vegetation and on sabkhas. The species eats insects and other small invertebrates, and makes small burrows where females lay eggs

World distribution

The species is distributed from southern Jordan, south-eastern Iraq and south-western Iran to most of the Arabian Peninsula (Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar). Its type locality is Dhahran (Saudi Arabia)

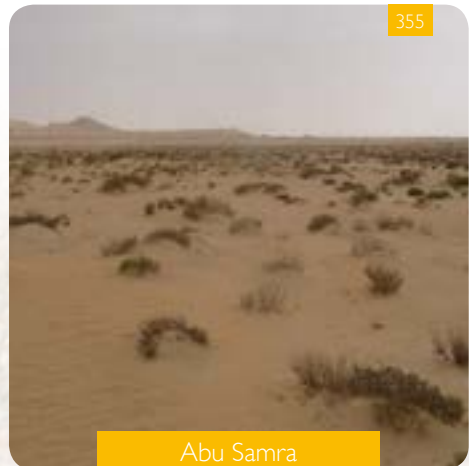


Conservation status

It is classified as Least Concern (LC) on the IUCN Red List

Scientific publications

We have found 23 scientific publications about the species in international databases. Most studies are general and about parasitology, but also about physiology, osteology, ecology and reproduction. No ecological information exists for this species in Qatar



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Members of the Ministry of the Environment in Qatar and their kids searching for lizards under rocks in the desert

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Local indigenous knowledge is of great importance for scientists

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Scientists from Spain, France and United States contributing with the biodiversity surveys in Qatar