Lacerta mixta MEHELY, 1909 Hybrid Lizard

Identification: Total length up to 20 cm. Rostral does not contact external nares; a single postnasal; 4 supralabials in front of subocular. 40-45 rows of slightly keeled dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 13-21. The dorsum is greenish or brownish with slightly distinct rows of darker maculations. The flanks, which are brownish with dark maculations, are separated from the dorsum by a whitish line. The venter is yellowish green.

Habitat & Biology: Prefers high steppes, rocky-stony areas next to streams. Feeds on insects, earthworms and molluscs. A female lays 2-4 eggs.

Distribution: Known from N Anatolia (Vilayet Giresun) and W Georgia, with a vertical distribution between 800-2000 m.



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