

**LACERTIDAE**

***Holaspis laevis* Werner 1895**

**Eastern Blue-tailed Tree Lizard**

Zimbabwe, Manicaland, Chimanimani District, 20° 01' S, 33° 01' E (2033A1); west bank of the Haroni River, adjacent to the Chimanimani National Park altitude ca. 330m a.s.l.; 18 February 2007.

It was photographed by Bart Wursten on the trunk of a large tree (*Breonadia salicina*) before it disappeared round the back of the tree and ran up.

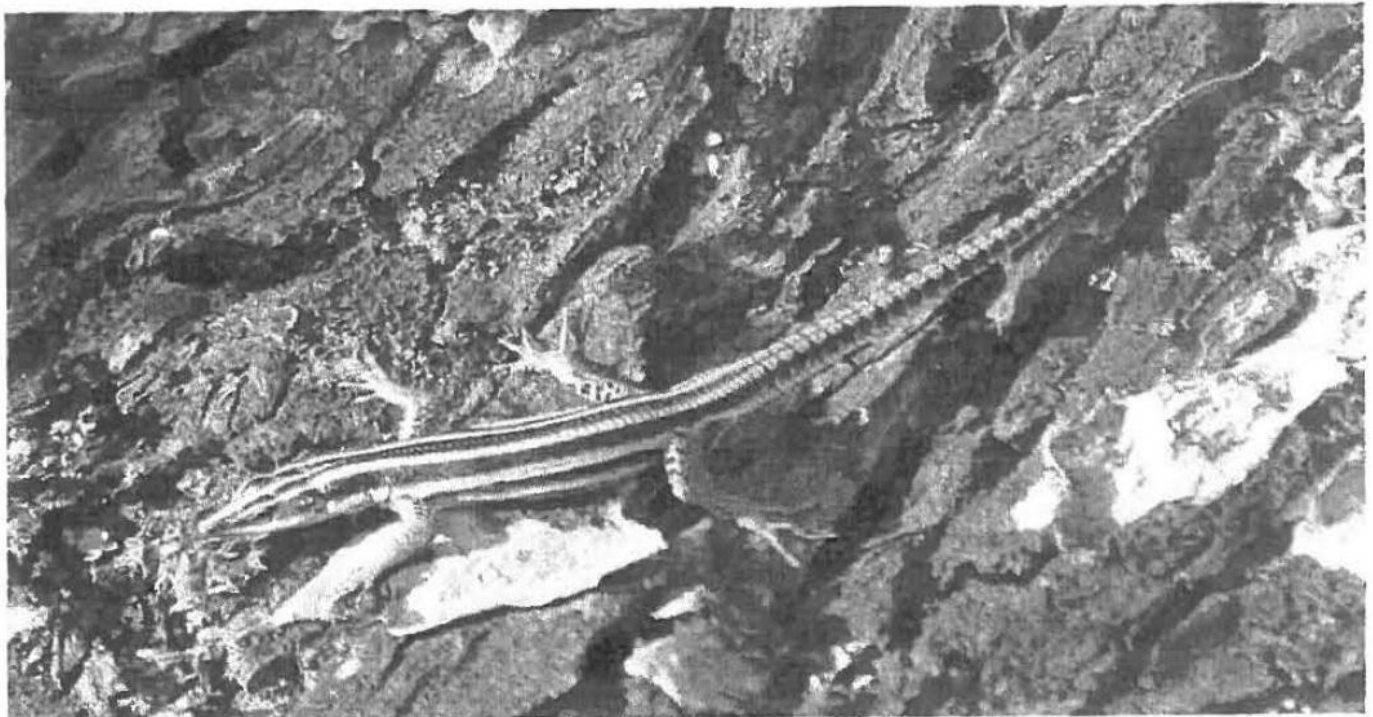
This is the first record of the species from Zimbabwe and represents a range extension of 200 km west-south-west from Dondo Forest just north of Beira, Mozambique, where it was common both in forest and the adjacent miombo woodland. *Holaspis laevis* was recognized as a good evolutionary species by Broadley (2000).

**Reference**

BROADLEY, D.G. 2000. Geographical Distribution. *Holaspis laevis*. *Afr. Herp News* 31: 13 – 14.

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*Holaspis laevis*, Haroni River adjacent to the Chimanimani National Park.  
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