



Figs. 191–192: There are seven pale longitudinal stripes on the back and a forked median stripe on the neck in *Acanthodactylus micropholis*. The belly and the sides of tail are pale yellow.

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Size: Snout–vent length 48.5 mm, tail length 92 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.

Acanthodactylus micropholis

BLANFORD, 1874

Persian Fringe-toed Lizard

Global range: Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan.

Distribution in Iran: Provinces of Bushehr, Hormozgan, Kerman, and Sistan and Baluchestan.

Biology: The Persian Fringe-toed Lizard prefers areas with hard soils and scattered bushy coverage unlike other species of this genus in Iran. Specimens of Pakistani populations prefer to live in littoral areas and sandy riverbeds. This species can dig and bury itself in the soil of sandy zones under urgent conditions.

Size: Snout–vent length 63 mm, tail length 125 mm.

Reproduction: Oviparous.

Status: Common.

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

Diet: Arachnids and insects.

Activity pattern: Diurnal.

