

Adolfus jacksoni (BOULENGER, 1899)

Jackson's Forest Lizard

Description: Snout–vent length about 9 cm, total length about 26 cm. Build fairly robust, tail long. Tail scales strongly keeled; a collar fold under the neck. Brown or

olive on the top of the head, with the same colour extending in a broad vertebral stripe to the tail; within this stripe are scattered black dashes; mostly a dark median line that breaks into the spots within the vertebral stripe behind the head; flanks darker than the dorsum, blackish in high-altitude specimens, with white or blue, black-edged markings, the uppermost and most lateral ones in regular longitudinal series; underside spotted or immaculate, varying from yellow to dull bluish.

Range: In forested areas at moderate to high altitudes of 1500–2600 m a. s. l.: Mt. Elgon, Cherangani Hills, Kakamega Forest, Nandi Hills forests, Loita Hills, Maasai Mara.

Habits: Commonly seen on trees and fallen logs. Lays eggs; feeds on insects and other arthropods.

Adolfus kibonotensis (LÖNNBERG, 1907)

Mt. Kilimanjaro Forest Lizard

Description: Snout–vent length about 7 cm; total length about 17 cm. Build fairly robust, tail long. Tail scales strongly keeled; a collar fold under the neck. Brown or olive on the top of the head; body sometimes appearing greenish in bright sunlight; the brownish colour extends in a broad vertebral stripe to the tail, within this stripe are scattered black spots; flanks darker than the dorsum or even blackish in high-altitude specimens, with whitish or light bluish, black-edged markings; underside immaculate. The dorsal colour



Fig. 287: Jackson's Forest Lizard *Adolfus jacksoni*, North Nandi Forest.

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