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Animal Abstract

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CLASSIFICATION, NOMENCLATURE, DESCRIPTION, RANGE

NAME: *Sceloporus jarrovi*

COMMON NAME: Yarrow's Spiny Lizard; Mountain Spiny Lizard

SYNONYMS:

FAMILY: Sauria:Iguanidae

AUTHOR, PUBLICATION: Cope.

TYPE LOCALITY:

TAXONOMIC UNIQUENESS: Genus of some 54 species from southern Canada to Panama and from Atlantic to Pacific coasts.

DESCRIPTION: Stebbins 1966:102-103. Size 2½ - 3½ " snout-vent. General color above: whitish scales broadly edged black and with bluish-green sheen. Head sooty to black. Broad black neck band edged white at rear margin.

AIDS TO IDENTIFICATION:

ILLUSTRATIONS: Color drawing (Stebbins 1966: plate 22)
Color photo (Behler and King 1979: plate 353)

TOTAL RANGE: Southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico south to state of Mexico and south-central Veracruz, along Sierra Madre Occidental and Oriental.

RANGE WITHIN ARIZONA: Southeast corner of the state; Baboquivari, Santa Rita, Dragoon, Huachuca, Chiricahua and Graham Mountains.

SPECIES BIOLOGY AND POPULATION TRENDS

BIOLOGY:

REPRODUCTION:

FOOD HABITS: Arthropods

HABITAT: Woodland and coniferous forest primarily, upper elevations of semidesert grassland on mountains; principally in rocky habitats, rock cliffs and talus slopes of hillsides facing south, west or east; less frequent or absent from canyon bottoms.

ELEVATION:

PLANT COMMUNITY:

POPULATION TRENDS: Stable, thriving in most all localities, though may be subject to local declines (short-term) because of over-collecting.

SPECIES PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT STATUS: None
STATE STATUS: 2 (AZGFD, AWCS 2022)
[None (AGFD SWAP 2012)]

OTHER STATUS:

MANAGEMENT FACTORS: None

PROTECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN: None

SUGGESTED PROJECTS: Distribution, habitat, population and life history studies.

LAND MANAGEMENT/OWNERSHIP:

SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Winter active.

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