Western Fence Lizard

R002 (*Sceloporus occidentalis*)

STATUS: No official listed status.

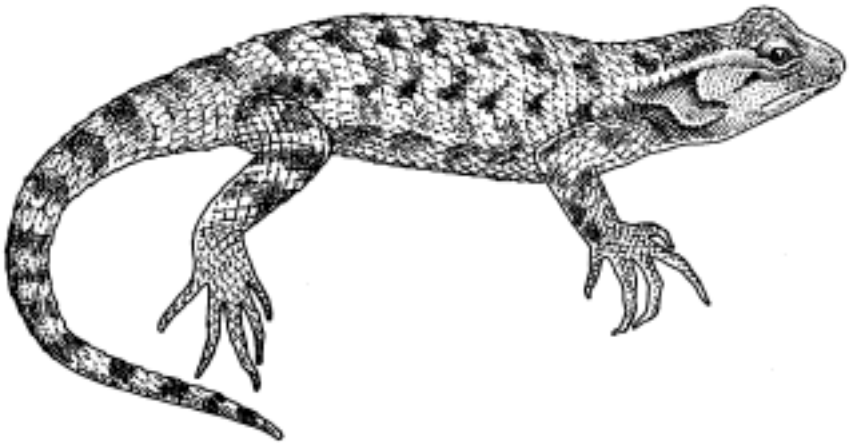
DISTRIBUTION/HABITAT: Found throughout the Sierra Nevada in all successional stages of numerous habitat types up to 9000 ft (2740 m). Prefers annual grassland, blue oak savannah, digger pine-oak, chaparral, and riparian deciduous types. Also found in forested areas.

SPECIAL HABITAT REQUIREMENTS: Rock outcrops and friable soil for breeding.

BREEDING: Eggs laid in damp, well-aerated soil from mid-May to mid-July, with peak activity in June. Mean clutch size 9 (range 5 to 15).

TERRITORY/HOME RANGE: Territory thought to be within 25 ft (7.5 m) radius of adult male. Home range estimated to be up to 0.25 acre (0.1 ha).

FOOD HABITS: Waits and searches for insects in rock outcrops.

OTHER: Subspecies, *S. o. taylori*, endemic to the central high Sierra Nevada.

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