

ON THE REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF THE HYRCANIAN MEADOW LIZARD,
DAREVSKIA PRATICOLA HYRCANICA (LACERTIDAE, REPTILIA)

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The paper presents materials on the reproductive biology of the hyrcanian meadow lizard, *Darevskia praticola hyrcanica* from a typical locality (the Gadasygahi Natural Boundaries, Talysh Mountains, As-tara administrative district of Azerbaijan). Animals were caught in the first decade of May, 2016. After being caught, the adult lizards were kept in groups (one female and two males) in our laboratory until oviposition. Females with a body length of 45.8 – 60.6 mm were laying eggs from May 28 till June 20. A total of 25 egg clutches with 72 eggs were studied. The resulting clutches contained 1 to 6 eggs. The egg length was 8.71 – 13.4 mm, the width 5.4 – 7.0 mm, and the weight 0.18 – 0.36 g. Incubation at 27 – 30°C lasted 45 – 58 days. The newborn lizards at hatching from eggs had a body length of 19.4 – 25.7 mm, a tail length of 19.8 – 36.2 mm, and a body weight of 0.16 – 0.44 g.

Key words: *Darevskia praticola hyrcanica*, reproduction, typical locality, Talysh Mountains, Southeastern Azerbaijan.

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