

ZEBRA-TAILED & ORNATE TREE LIZARDS



Ornate Tree- is a small, slim lizard (body length 1.5-2.25") commonly found in cottonwood or mesquite trees along with riparian areas. Its markings blend well with the bark to help it avoid predators. Gray-brown or tan body with ornate thin, dark lines on top of the head. Body markings are variable but consist of black-dark brown irregular-shaped blotches. Their back has two lengthwise strips of enlarged keeled scales. Diet: Insects and spiders

Zebra-Tailed- This medium-sized (2.25"-4" Body length) speedy lizard has a long, flat tail and long, slender legs. The tail has gray-brown bands that become black on the underside, The groin, and lower sides are often tinted yellow and two dark bars on each side of the belly extend up onto the sides, just behind the forelimbs. It prefers hard soils with few plants. When at rest, it often wags its banded black and white tail that give the zebra-tailed lizard its name. This behavior is likely used to draw attention away from the vulnerable head to the break-away tail. Diet: Insects and other invertebrates, some lizards, and plant material