



Teira perspicillata - Moroccan Rock Lizard



Male: Menorca / Ciutadella, 18.03.2013 - Note the "transparent window" in the lower eyelid.

The Moroccan Rock Lizard is basically a North African species. The only population in Europe on western Menorca is likely to be a result of (historic) introduction. The specimens from Menorca refer to the nominate subspecies *Teira perspicillata perspicillata*.

Teira perspicillata is a well-climbing, agile lizard which may be quite approachable, similar to some *Podarcis* species.

These pretty lizards show a fine "dot pattern". Their lower eyelid has a "transparent window": When halfway closed, it may appear as if they wear glasses.

By these external characters, they can easily be separated from [Podarcis siculus](#), which also occurs on Menorca.



European ranges of (introduced) *Teira dugesii* and *Teira perspicillata*.



Male: Menorca, Ciutadella, 18.03.2013 - These lizards can be identified by their characteristic 'dot pattern'.



Female: Menorca, Ciutadella, 22.03.2013 - Females have smaller heads than males.



Dry stone walls on Western Menorca. Habitat of *Teira perspicillata*.

