

EUROLIZARDS

Podarcis lilfordi - Lilford's Wall Lizard



Subsp. jordanii x kuligae, male: E / Mallorca, 16.03.2014 - Specimens of this population show rather dark blue / black colours.

Lilford's Wall Lizard is a robust, somehow archaic looking lizard with massive bodies and deep heads. It's an endemic species of Mallorca and Menorca. Remarkably, the species seems to be extinct on the main islands but occurs on numerous small satellite islands - sometimes in good numbers. The reason for its absence on the two main islands is not clear: It may be caused by predators or perhaps climatic changes.

For the several islet populations, more than 20 subspecies have been described, although their validity is subject to discussion. Anyway, the variability in colouration and pattern among these populations is stunning.

In its habitats, *Podarcis lilfordi* is the only lacertid lizard and therefore cannot be confused with other species (only on Ses Mones Island (Menorca), *Podarcis lilfordi* co-occurs with [Podarcis siculus](#)).

On Menorca, besides of *Podarcis siculus*, another introduced lizard occurs ([Teira perspicillata](#)). On Mallorca, there are some introduced populations of [Podarcis pityusensis](#). However, the mentioned species do not occur in syntopy with *Podarcis lilfordi*.



The distribution area of *Podarcis lilfordi* is limited to several islets off Mallorca and Menorca.



Subsp. *addayae*, male: E / Menorca, 21.03.2013 - The population of Illa Gran d'Addaia shows green backs.



Subsp. *codrellensis*, male: E / Menorca, 19.03.2013 - The population of Escull de Binicrodrell Gros has big, brownish individuals.



Ses Mones Population, yawning specimen: E / Menorca, 19.03.2013



The Escullts de Binicrodrell off Menorca: Two of numerous islets with populations of Podarcis liffordi

