

# EUROLIZARDS

## Podarcis milensis - Milos Wall Lizard



Male: GR / Milos, 17.04.2018 - Black flanks with blue dots make these lizards unmistakable.

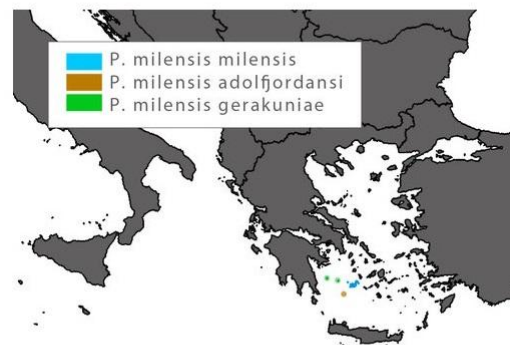
A legendary species: The endemic Milos Wall Lizard is one of the most beautiful European Lacertids. Although being closely related to the [Skyros Wall Lizard](#), it looks quite different - with the males showing black colours with blue dots. Maybe the volcanic substrate in its habitat has supported the development of this colouration. Anyway, it's remarkable how these lizards resemble to some colour morphs of the - not closely related - [Maltese Wall Lizard](#). Howbeit, the Milos Wall Lizards (and some more Milos endemics) have attracted generations of fieldherpers.

The following subspecies have been recognized:

- The *nominate subspecies* lives on Milos, Kimolos, Polyaiagos and Antimilos.
- Subspecies *adolffjordansi* can be found on Ananes Archipelago.
- Subspecies *gerakuniae* occurs on Falconera and Velopoula.

This species has no strict habitat preferences: It can frequently be observed in good numbers in rocky areas, on sandy beaches and even on dry-stone walls near human settlements.

As it is the only small Lacertid in its range, it cannot be confused with other species. [Lacerta trilineata](#), which also occurs on Milos, is much bigger; juveniles show the characteristic three light lines on the back.



The distribution range of Podarcis milensis is limited to some Western Aegean islands.



Male: GR / Milos, 15.04.2018 - Note the characteristic brown back.



Female: GR / Milos, 15.04.2018 - Females sometimes show a light blue throat.



Male: GR / Milos, 17.04.2018 - Some males show yellow colours.



Female: GR / Milos, 15.04.2018 - This extraordinary specimen shows bright yellow colours.



The volcanic island of Milos - home of *Podarcis milensis*.

