

## Podarcis pityusensis - Ibiza Wall Lizard



Male: E / San Juan de Gaztelugatxe (Bilbao), introduced, 13.09.2011

The Ibiza Wall Lizard is an endemic species of Ibiza and Formentera, including the numerous satellite islands. Unlike its relative, <u>Podarcis</u> <u>lilfordi</u>, this species seems to be flexible and opportunistic. Hence, there are vital introduced populations on Mallorca, in the city of Barcelona and even at the Northern Spanish Atlantic coast.

Fore the populations of the several islets, more than 20 subspecies have been described. However, taxonomic revision seems to be required. Regardless of this, some of the various colour morphs are quite iconic.

As it is the only Wall Lizard on Ibiza and Formentera, it cannot be confused with other species.



The distribution area of Podarcis pityusensis covers Ibiza and Formentera. Introduced populations exist on Mallorca, in Barcelona and Northern Spain.



E / Ses Illetes (Mallorca), introduced, 17.03.2014 - In suitable habitats, these lizards may occur in high numbers.



Habitat of introduced Podarcis pityusensis at Ses Illetes (Southern Mallorca).



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