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Trachemys scripta (Schoepff, 1792) in Catalonia (NE Iberian): Status and distribution.

Trachemys scripta is a very widespread emydid turtle. In American continent it ranges from SW United States to North Argentina. Due to their great degree of commercialization, has been introduced in some countries as south Florida, Reunion Id. or Bahrein (W. coast of Arabian Peninsula).

In Europe, they have sighted free in France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Greece and Spain. In this latter country have been sighted isolated specimens of *T. scripta elegans* (Wied, 1839) in Communities of Madrid, Balearic id., Aragon, Valencia, Murcia and Catalonia, being this later with an high number of specimens, that share, in some occasions, their habitat with *Emys orbicularis* and *Mauremys leprosa* in Girona, Tarragona and Barcelona. Further investigation is needed in Girona about the competitive relation between this species.

The Pyrenaean Mountain Lizard: morphology and distribution

Pyrenees are inhabited by two taxa of endemic mountain lizards (*Archaeolacerta*):

- *Lacerta bonnali* Lantz, 1927 inhabits Central Pyrenees, from the Arriel and Balaitous mountains to the Montvallier Massif, from 1800 m. to near 3000 m above sea level, both in calcareous ("lapiaz") and siliceous rocks (slates and schists) well fissurated in order to give refuges to these lizards.

- *Lacerta aurelioi* Arribas, in press, lives in ~~Western~~ ^{Central} Pyrenees upon siliceous rocks, less fissurated and more or less metamorphosed, from 2300 m to near 3000 m. above sea level.

Both species differ in external morphology (coloration, design, pholidosis), osteological features of skull and pelvic girdle, and hemipenial microornamentation.

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