

Podarcis muralis

Common Wall Lizard

Lacertidae, the true lizard family



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Small and thin lizard with a relatively flat body
- Long limbs and toes
- Angular head and prominent jaw
- Tail is twice as long as body
- Backside is green or brown with black blotches
- Underside is light creamy-brown with light spots that become more dense at the throat

Background

- Native to Central Europe and Northwestern Asia
- Eats flying and ground insects as well as fruits and berries
- When captured by its tail, the tail will fall off and continue to wiggle for several minutes, keeping the attention of the predator
- Often found in rocky areas, open woodlands, and human created habitats

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