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Podarcis waglerianus - Sicilian Wall Lizard



Subspecies waglerianus, male: 1 / Florida, 05.06.2016 - Note the green-yellowish throat with dark spots.

The Sicilian Wall Lizard is a little beauty in spring with bright green backs, yellow throat and orange undersides. In late May, these colours get increasingly pale (see header picture).

It is often abundant in grassy areas like meadows with rocks or dry stone walls, but seems to avoid human settlements - a rather shy and cautious species.

Podarcis waglerianus is an endemic species of Sicily. The Sicilian mainland and some adjoining islands are populated by *subspecies waglerianus*, *subspecies maretimensis* lives on Marettimo Island west of Sicily.

It may co-occur with [Podarcis siculus](#) but is smaller with a shorter head. Furthermore, at *Podarcis siculus*, the green colouration on the back ends at the hind legs, at *Podarcis waglerianus* it reaches the front part of the tail. In both species occur "concolor morphs" without dark markings.

Unlike *Podarcis siculus*, *Podarcis waglerianus* seems to avoid human settlements.



The distribution range of *Podarcis waglerianus* is restricted to Sicily and some adjoining islands.



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Subspecies waglerianus, male: 1 / Sicily, 03.04.2009 - The green back colouration reaches the front of the tail.



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Subspecies waglerianus, female: 1 / Sicily, 03.04.2009 - Females show light dorsolateral stripes.



Karstified plateaus in the Syracuse area (Sicilia) - A typical habitat of *Podarcis waglerianus*

