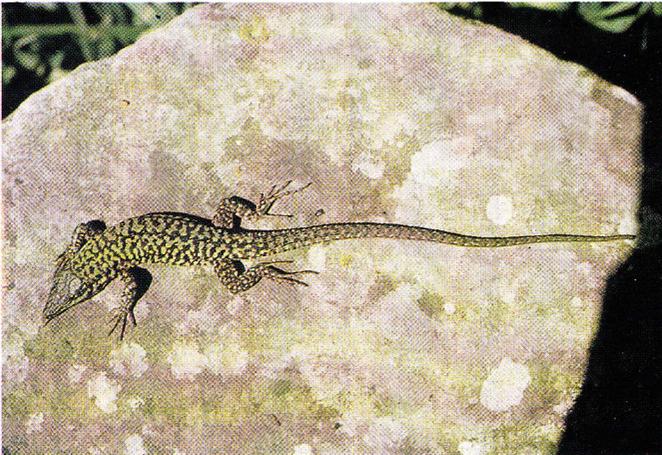


***Podarcis sicula* (RAFINESQUE, 1810)**  
**Italian Wall Lizard**

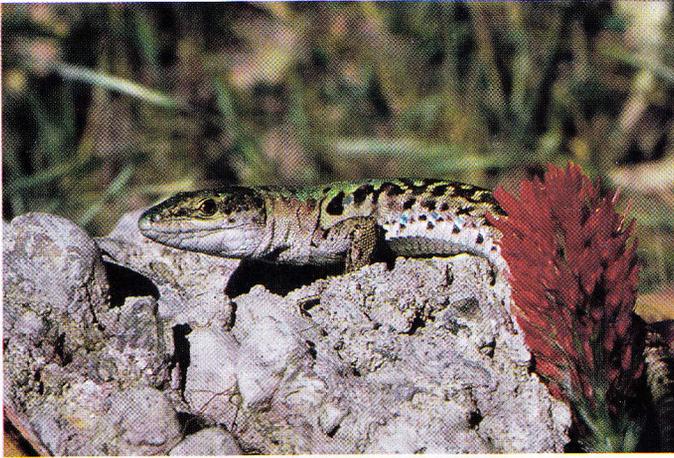
**Identification:** Total length up to 24 cm. Rostral does not contact external nares; a single postnasal; usually 4, rarely 5 supralabials in front of subocular. 65-78 rows of small, round and smooth dorsal scales at mid-trunk; ventrals in 6 longitudinal rows; femoral pores between 24-31. Pattern and coloration of the dorsum very variable, usually greenish or gray-brown with mixed dark and light maculations. The venter is whitish or reddish, without maculations.

**Habitat & Biology:** Prefers rocky-stony places and rough stone walls, seen on garden walls or in cemeteries. Feeds on insects. A female lays 3-12 eggs.

**Distribution:** Its range includes S Europe and NW Turkey, also an isolated colony in Philadelphia (USA); with a vertical distribution up to 1800 m. A single subspecies, *P. s. hieroglyphica* BERTHOLD, 1842 lives in Turkey, in urban İstanbul and at some islands in the Sea of Marmara.



73A. *Podarcis sicula*



73B. *Podarcis sicula*