

Wall- and Sand lizards

Lizards live widespread between stones and bushes in our school area.

In our country native lizards like the wall,- sand and the common lizard are mostly found in the German part of Switzerland. The green or emerald lizard which is often mixed up with the sand lizard, is native in the southern- and western part of Switzerland.

Sand lizard:

Sand lizards are big and strong reptiles. They can grow up to 22cm. The male lizards have green spots on their legs and sides of their stomach. The female lizards stay brown with small back dots during the whole year. The stomach of every sand lizard is green and yellow coloured. They are indicatable because of their eye-shaped patterns on their flank.

Wall lizard:

The wall lizard is a slim lizard with brown dots which can grow up to 21cm. Their bodies are flat and broad. Their nose is formed sharp. Wall lizards mostly eat insects and spiders. Their rivals are birds of prey and sometimes snakes.

Lizards in general:

Our lizards origin from warm regions. They are reptiles specifically called scale reptiles. A common fact is that lizards can throw of their tail. The tail protects the lizard from its predators. If for example a cat attacks a lizard, it can throw off its tail without any bleeding. After that, the tail jumps around wildly to confuse the attacking animal and to give it time to run away. This is only possible once in a lifetime of a lizard, after the second throw of the tail does not grow again. The main task of the tail is actually to help the lizard to climb and stabilise.

Our lizards are hold in winter dormancy starting in October until March. In springtime the start to lay eggs and round about 6 weeks later the little babies hatch out. Lizards can lay between 6 to 9 eggs, sometimes even able up to 15. Every grown up female lizard lays eggs once a year.

Most lizards don't leave their birthplace and stay within a range of more than 20 meters. The amount of realities between sand and wall lizards is increasing. The winners are usually the wall lizards because they are better prepared for places like cities. That's the reason why in our backyards there are more wall lizards than other kinds of reptiles.