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Algyroides fitzingeri - Pygmi Algyroides



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The distribution range of *Algyroides fitzingeri* is restricted to Corsica and Sardinia. It's a diminutive lizard with strongly keeled scales like a little fir cone.

In particular on Corsica, the species was formerly supposed to be rare but it seems that it just had been frequently overlooked - due to its small size and its secretive behaviour.

It prefers rather humid (micro-)habitats with enough shade and dense vegetation.

Within its distribution area, it cannot be confused with other species: [Archaeolacerta bedriagae](#) and [Podarcis tiliguerta](#) are significantly bigger and don't have keeled scales.

Its closest relative is [Algyroides marchi](#) in Spain.



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Coastal macchia in southern Corsica: Habitat of *Algyroides fitzingeri*, *Podarcis tiliguerta* and *Archaeolacerta bedriagae*


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