

A checklist of the Greek reptiles. I. The lizards

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Abstract. The Greek lizard fauna consists of 26 species from which 5 are monotypic and the other ones are represented by a total of 86 subspecies. Five species and 61 subspecies are endemic of Greece. A checklist including the geographical distribution of each taxon in the Greek region is presented.

Introduction

Since 1968 when Ondrias published his list of amphibians and reptiles of Greece, numerous records on the Greek herpetofauna have been reported. These records concern not only with the revision of taxonomy and geographical distribution of several taxa but also with the description of new subspecies and the definition of their ranges within the Greek region. So, the publication of a revised checklist including all new data was considered as necessary. This work is based on extensive literature, on the material of the Zoological Museum of Patra University, as well as on author's collections, identifications and field observations. The first part of the checklist is presented in this paper.

The Greek lizard fauna is probably the richest among the respective faunas of other European countries. It is composed of 86 subspecies belonging to 26 species which represent 16 genera from 7 families. From zoogeographical point of view the origin of this richness of forms is heterogeneous. Several species originated in Europe (e.g. *Anguis fragilis*, *Lacerta viridis*, *Podarcis muralis*, etc.), while others in Asia (e.g. *Agama stellio*, *Ophisaurus apodus*, *Blanus strauchi*, *Mabuya aurata*, *Lacerta danfordi*, *L. trilineata*, *Ophisops elegans*, etc.). Also, there are some African elements (*Tarentola mauritanica* and *Chamaeleo chamaeleon*). The following 5 species are endemic of the Greek fauna: *Chalcides moseri*, *Algyroides moreoticus*, *Lacerta graeca*, *Podarcis milensis* and *P. peloponnesiaca*. Of these species the 3 former ones are monotypic.

The intensive and repeated changes of geological and climatic conditions prevailing in the Greek region during Caenozoic Era are responsible for the geographical isolation of many lizard populations, especially in the Aegean area. By means of such a

prolonged isolation a large number of subspecies have been evolved, the majority of which are endemic of the Greek lizard fauna. These endemisms (indicated in the checklist by *) are 61, and nearly all of them inhabit the Aegean islands and islets.

In this checklist the subspecies of each species are alphabetically arranged, except the typical subspecies which is placed first. Also, species and genera are alphabetically placed within genera and families respectively. Of course, this arrangement does not reflect any phylogenetic relationships between taxa. The geographical distribution of each subspecies is given after its name. The Greek region is here divided into three major parts: the mainland, the Ionian islands and the Aegean islands. In the later part the islands and islets of Libyan Sea (S of Crete) are also included. The mainland is consisted of 6 large geographical departments — Thrace, Macedonia, Thessaly, Epirus, Sterea and Peloponnese — each of which is composed of several smaller parts, the prefectures. The most of the Aegean islands are grouped into three large archipelagos: North Sporades, Cyclades and Dodecanese. Within each of them smaller archipelagos exist.

Every geographical area of this list is documented by at least one bibliographic reference. Where such an information is absent it means that the existence of the taxon in the respective area is confirmed from the observations and/or collections made by the author. Also, our personal data for a large number of the record localities of many lizard taxa are in agreement with the references cited.

Class: REPTILIA, Order: SQUAMATA, Suborder: SAURIA or LACERTILIA

Family: GEKKONIDAE Bonaparte, 1831

Genus: *Cyrtodactylus* Gray, 1827

Cyrtodactylus kotschy (Steindachner, 1870)

* *C. k. kotschy* (Steindachner, 1870)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Syros, as well as Gaidaros and Aspronissi islets (near Syros) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. adelphiensis* Beutler & Gruber, 1977

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Dyo Adelphes and Tria Nissia islets (SE of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. bartoni* (Stepanek, 1934)

Aegean islands

Crete (Stepanek, 1934; Wettstein, 1968; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

C. k. beutleri Baran & Gruber, 1981

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Kalymnos (Schneider, 1983), Kos (Pieper, 1970), Symi (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1935), Rhodos (?) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

Lesvos (Wettstein, 1953), Fourni archipelago (Werner, 1938a), Samos (?) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

C. k. bibroni Beutler & Gruber, 1977

Mainland

Thrace (Buresch & Zonkow, 1933), Macedonia (Buresch & Zonkow, 1933; Werner, 1937a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977); Thessaly (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Epirus (Böttger, 1893; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Sterea (Bedriaga, 1882; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Peloponnese (Beutler & Gruber, 1977; Ewald, 1980). (This taxon's range is probably discontinuous in all these parts of mainland).

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Macronissos, Kea (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Kythnos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

Thassos (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977; Bruno, 1980), Thassopoula (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Samothraki (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1935, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Kythera (Werner, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. bileki* Tiedemann & Häupl, 1980

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Makri and Strongyli islets (near Rhodos) (Tiedemann & Häupl, 1980).

* *C. k. buchholzi* Beutler & Gruber, 1977

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Sifnos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Kitriani islet (near Sifnos) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

C. k. danilewskii (Strauch, 1887)

Mainland

Thrace: At least in Evros prefecture (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. fuchsi* Beutler & Gruber, 1977

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Alonnisos, Kyra-Panagia, as well as the islets: Repi (near Skiathos), Kassida (near Skopelos), Gaidaronissi, Adelphi, Adelphopoula, Manolas and Lechoussa (near Alonnisos), Melissa (near Kyra-Panagia), Strongylo, Prasso and Psathoura (near Youra). (All the above islands and islets are referred by Beutler & Gruber, 1977. Kyra-Panagia and Psathoura are also referred by Werner, 1938a).

* *C. k. kalypsae* (Stepanek, 1939)

Aegean islands

Gavdos (S of W. Crete) (Stepanek, 1939, 1940; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. oertzeni* (Böttger, 1888)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Karpathos (Werner, 1935; Wettstein, 1953; Pieper, 1970; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Saria (Pieper, 1970), Kassos (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1935; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), as well as Armathia islet (near Kassos) (Werner, 1935).

* *C. k. saronicus* (Werner, 1937)

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Salamina (Werner, 1937a, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Aegina (Wettstein, 1968; Bruno, 1980), Poros (Clark, 1967), Hydra (Werner, 1938a; Clark, 1967; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Spetses (Clark, 1967).

Cyclades: Yaros (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Mykonos (Beutler & Gruber, 1977; Frör & Beutler, 1978), Delos (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Rhenia (Werner, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Naxos (Wettstein, 1957; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Donoussa (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Paros (Werner, 1935; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Antiparos (Werner, 1935; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Despotiko and Strongylo (near Antiparos) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Ios (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Sikinos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Kimolos (Werner, 1935; Beutler &

Gruber, 1977), Polyagos (Werner, 1935; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Milos (Bedriaga, 1882; Werner, 1935; Wettstein, 1957; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Antimilos (Wettstein, 1957; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Serifos (Werner, 1935; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), as well as the islets: Agios Georgios, Agios Efstathios, Kalogeri and Paximadi (near Milos) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Velopoula (NW of Milos, between Cyclades and Peloponnese) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Vous (near Serifos) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Ovriokastro, Gaidouronissi, Spiridonissi and Tria Nissia (near Paros) (The first and second of these islets are referred by Beutler & Gruber, 1977 while the rest ones by Wettstein, 1957), Glaropounta, Pantieronissi, Tourlos and Preza (near Antiparos) (All these islets are mentioned by Beutler & Gruber, 1977. Pantieronissi is also given by Wettstein, 1957), Agios Ioannis (near Folegandros) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

Ikaria (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Antikythera (Werner, 1938a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. schultzei* Beutler & Gruber, 1977

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Valaxa islet (near Skyros) (Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. solerii* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Astypalaea (Wettstein, 1937; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), as well as the islets: Ophidoussa (W of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), Livadi, Kinaros and Levitha islets (NE of Amorgos) (All the three islets are mentioned by Beutler & Gruber, 1977. The second and third ones are also referred by Wettstein, 1937) and Syrina (SE of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. stepaneki* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Megalo Sofrano (Megali Zafrana) islet (S of Astypalaea) (Wettstein 1937; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

* *C. k. tinensis* Beutler & Frör, 1980

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Tinos and Andros (Both islands are referred by Bird, 1935; Wettstein, 1953; Beutler & Gruber, 1977; Beutler & Frör, 1980).

* *C. k. wettsteini* (Stepanek, 1937)

Aegean islands

Micronissi (Fanari) islet (Merambelou Gulf, E. Crete) (Stepanek, 1937b; Wettstein, 1968; Beutler & Gruber, 1977), as well as Gaidouronissi, Micronissi and Koufonissi islets (S of E. Crete) (Wettstein, 1952; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

In addition, there are some transitional forms between the above subspecies. The following two of them are surely known:

C. k. saronicus x *C. k. schultzei*

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Skyros, as well as the islets: Agia Foukada, Exo Diavatis, Messa Diavatis and Platy (near Skyros), Prassouda (near the east coast of central Euboea) (All these records are given by Beutler & Gruber, 1977. Skyros is referred by Werner, 1938a, as well).

C. k. solerii x *C. k. saronicus*

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Heraklia, Schinoussa, Koufonissia and Keros (S of Naxos), Amorgos, Anafi, Thera (Santorini), Therassia (near Thera), as well as the islets: Avelas (near Heraklia), Glaronissi (near Koufonissia), Ag. Andreas (near Keros), Nikouria and Gramvoussa (near Amorgos), Anhydro (SW of Amorgos), Palaea Kameni (near Thera), Christiani (SW of Thera), Megalo Fteno, Micro Fteno

and Makria (N of Anafi) Falconera (NW of Milos, between Cyclades and Peloponnese) (The records of Thera and Therassia are given by Tiedemann & Häupl, 1982. Palaea Kameni islet is mentioned by Douglass, 1892. All the rest islands are referred by Beutler & Gruber, 1977. Also, Amorgos and Anafi are referred by Werner, 1938a, and Falconera by Wettstein, 1957).

The subspecific position of *C. kotschy* from the Ionian islands Oxia, Makri and Kalamos (near the coast of Sterea) (Cyren, 1935), Kephallonia (Werner, 1894b, 1912), Ithaki (Mahnert, 1973) and Zakyntos (Mahnert, 1973), as well as from the Dodecanese islets Karavonissia (S of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937) and Toukinanissia (near Rhodos) (Wettstein, 1964, 1965) is uncertain. Similarly the taxonomic status of the animals of Limnos island (north Aegean Sea) is dubious (Werner, 1937a; Beutler & Gruber, 1977).

Genus: *Hemidactylus* Oken, 1817

Hemidactylus turcicus (Linnaeus, 1758)

H. t. turcicus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Mainland

Everywhere, except the central mountainous country (Pindos mountain chain and central Peloponnese).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Werner, 1929, 1938a; Mertens, 1961), Paxi (Keymar, in press), Lefkada (Werner, 1938a), Kephallonia (Werner, 1927, 1929, 1938a).

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Poros, Hydra (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953), Spetses (Clark, 1967).

Cyclades: Kythnos (Wettstein, 1953), Syros (Werner, 1938a; Gruber, 1974), Delos (Werner, 1938a), Mykonos (Frör & Beutler, 1978), Naxos (Werner, 1933, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953, 1957; Gruber, 1974), Paros (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953; Gruber, 1974; Gruber & Fuchs, 1977), Antiparos (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953; Gruber, 1974; Gruber & Fuchs, 1977), Despotiko (Gruber, 1974; Gruber & Fuchs, 1977), Epano Koufonissi (Gruber, 1974), Heraklia (Lotze, 1973), Schinoussa (Lotze, 1973), Amorgos (Werner, 1933, 1938a), Ios (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953), Sikinos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953), Milos (Wettstein, 1957; Gruber, 1974), Thera (Santorini) (Werner, 1938a; Frör & Beutler, 1978), as well as the islets: Gaidaros (near Syros) (Gruber, 1974), Christiani (SW of Thera) (Salvador, 1981), and Nea Kameni (near Thera) (Frör & Beutler, 1978).

North Sporades: Skopelos (Gruber, 1974), Skyros (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953; Gruber, 1974), Papous islet (near Kyra-Panagia) (Gruber, 1974).

Dodecanese: Kalymnos (Schneider, 1983), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965), Karpathos (Wettstein, 1953), Astypalaea (Wettstein, 1953).

Euboea (Werner, 1938a), Thassos (Kattinger, 1972), Samothraki (Kattinger, 1972), Lesvos (Broggi, 1978), Samos (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Ikaria (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Kythera (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953; Pieper, 1970), Antikythera (Gruber, 1974), Crete (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953, 1968), as well as the islets: Micronissi (Fanari), Ag. Pantas and Spinalonga (Merambelou Gulf, E. Crete) (Wettstein, 1968), Dragonada (near the NE end of Crete) (Wettstein, 1953), Koufonissi (S of E. Crete) (Wettstein, 1953), Gavdos (S of W. Crete) (Stepanek, 1940) and Elaphonissi (near the SW end of Crete) (Wettstein, 1953).

Genus: *Tarentola* Gray, 1825

Tarentola mauritanica (Linnaeus, 1758)

T. m. mauritanica (Linnaeus, 1758)

Mainland

Peloponnese: At least in the NW coastal zone.

Ionian islands

Kephallonia (Werner, 1927, 1929, 1938a), Ithaki (Werner, 1927, 1929, 1938a; Cyren, 1941), Zakyntos (Werner, 1927, 1929, 1938a).

Aegean islands

Crete (Stepanek, 1934; Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953, 1968), Dia islet (N of central Crete) (Stepanek, 1940).

Family: AGAMIDAE Gray, 1825

Genus: *Agama* Daudin, 1802

Agama stellio (Linnaeus, 1758)

* *A. s. stellio* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Mykonos (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1938b; Frör & Beutler, 1978), Delos (Werner, 1938a,b), Rhenea (Beutler & Frör, 1980).

A. s. daani Beutler & Frör, 1980

Mainland

Macedonia: Thessaloniki area (Werner, 1938a; Kattinger, 1941; Wettstein, 1953).

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Paros (Werner, 1935, 1938b), Antiparos (Werner, 1935, 1938b), Despotiko (Gruber & Fuchs, 1977), Naxos (Werner, 1933, 1938b; Wettstein, 1957).

Dodecanese: Leros (Xyda, 1983), Kalymnos (Schneider, 1983), Telendos (Schneider, 1983), Kos (Ondrias, 1968; Xyda, 1983), Nissyros (Ondrias, 1968; Xyda, 1983), Symi (Werner, 1935; Xyda, 1983), Chalki (Böttger, 1888; Xyda, 1983), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965; Xyda, 1983), Kastellorizo (Xyda, 1983).

Lesvos (Werner, 1938a,b; Ondrias, 1968; Broggi, 1978), Chios (Werner, 1935, 1938a,b; Xyda, 1983), Ikaria (Werner, 1935, 1938a,b; Xyda, 1983), Fourni and Thymena (between Samos and Ikaria) (Xyda, 1983), Samos (Wettstein, 1953; Ondrias, 1968).

This species also occurs in Kerkyra (Ionian islands) (Mertens, 1961, 1968) but the subspecific status of this population is uncertain.

Family: CHAMAELEONIDAE Hardwicke & Gray, 1828

Genus: *Chamaeleo* Laurenti, 1768

Chamaeleo chamaeleon (Linnaeus, 1758)

C. c. chamaeleon (Linnaeus, 1758)

Mainland

Peloponnese: Mani area (S. Peloponnese) (Schreiber, 1912; Ondrias, 1968).

Aegean Islands

Chios (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Samos (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Crete (Stepanek, 1934; Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953; Fuchs, 1979).

Family: ANGUIDAE Gray, 1825

Genus: *Anguis* Linnaeus, 1758

Anguis fragilis Linnaeus, 1758

A. f. colchicus (Nordmann, 1840)

Mainland

Thrace, Macedonia (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Werb, 1980), Epirus (Böttger, 1893; Werner, 1938a), Thessaly (Böttger, 1888; Cyren, 1941), Sterea (Böttger, 1888, 1893; Werner, 1938a).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Werner, 1927, 1929, 1938a; Mertens, 1961), Lefkada (Werner, 1929, 1938a), Kephallonia (Werner, 1927, 1929, 1938a), Ithaki (Mahnert, 1973), Zakynthos (Werner, 1929, 1938a).

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Tinos (?) (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1938a).

Euboea (Böttger, 1893; Ondrias, 1968), Thassos (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1938a; Petzold, 1971).

* *A. f. peloponnesiacus* Stepanek, 1937

Mainland

Peloponnese: Everywhere (Werner, 1899; Stepanek, 1937a, 1944; Cyren, 1941; Wettstein, 1953; Clark & Clark, 1970; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980).

Genus: *Ophisaurus* Daudin, 1803*Ophisaurus apodus* (Pallas, 1775)*O. a. thracicus* Obst, 1978

Mainland

Everywhere, except the central mountainous country (Pindos mountain chain and perhaps central Peloponnese) (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Clark & Clark, 1970; Obst, 1978; Ewald, 1980).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Cyren, 1941; Mertens, 1961; Mahnert, 1973), Lefkada (Werner, 1929, 1938a), Kephallonia (Ondrias, 1968), Zakynthos (Ondrias, 1968).

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Naxos (?) (Werner, 1938a).

Dodecanese: Kos (Böttger, 1888), Rhodos (Obst, 1978).

Euboea (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1938a), Thassos (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a), Limnos (Werner, 1927, 1935, 1938a), Lesvos (Werner, 1927, 1935, 1938a; Broggi, 1978), Samos (Werner, 1927, 1935, 1938a).

Family: AMPHISBAENIDAE Gray, 1825

Genus: *Blanus* Wagler, 1830*Blanus trauchi* (Bedriaga, 1884)*B. s. trauchi* (Bedriaga, 1884)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Kos (Werner, 1935; Ondrias, 1968), Rhodos (Werner, 1935; Wettstein, 1965; Ondrias, 1968).

Family: SCINCIDAE Gray, 1825

Genus: *Ablepharus* Lichtenstein, 1823*Ablepharus kitaibelii* Bibron & Bory, 1833*A. k. kitaibelii* Bibron & Bory, 1833

Mainland

Everywhere (Werner, 1899, 1927, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Ondrias, 1968; Pieper, 1970).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Werner, 1894a; Mertens, 1968), Lefkada (Werner, 1894b, 1929; Mertens, 1968), Kephallonia (Werner, 1894a,b, 1927, 1929, 1938a), Ithaki (Werner, 1894b, 1929), Zakynthos (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1894a,b, 1929).

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Salamina (Daan, 1967), Aegina (Wettstein, 1968), Poros (Clark, 1967), Hydra (Clark, 1967), Spetses (Clark, 1967).

Cyclades: Andros (Werner, 1938a), Tinos (Werner, 1938a), Mykonos (Frör & Beutler, 1978), Paros (Werner, 1935), Antiparos (Werner, 1935), Despotiko and Strongylo (near Antiparos) (Gruber & Fuchs, 1977), Epano Koufonissi (Lotze, 1973), Serifos (Werner, 1933, 1938a), Milos (Werner, 1933, 1935, 1938a; Gruber, 1974), Amorgos (Lotze, 1970), as well as the islets Tria Nissia (near Paros) (Wettstein, 1957; Gruber & Fuchs, 1977) and Tourlos, Preza, Glaropounta, Pantieronissi (near Antiparos) (Gruber & Fuchs, 1977).

North Sporades: Skopelos (Cyren, 1935, 1941; Werner, 1938a).

Dodecanese: Kos (Pieper, 1970), Chalki (Werner, 1935), Symi (Werner, 1935), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965; Pieper, 1970).

Euboea, Samothraki (Werner, 1935), Ikaria (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Fourni archipelago (Wettstein, 1953), Samos (Werner, 1935; Daan, 1967), Kythera (Werner, 1938a; Pieper, 1970; Gruber, 1974), Antikythera (Gruber, 1974).

* *A. k. fabichi* Stepanek, 1938

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Karpathos (Wettstein, 1953; Pieper, 1970), Kassos (Werner, 1935; Wettstein, 1953; Pieper, 1970), Armathia islet (near Kassos) (Werner, 1935; Wettstein, 1953).

Micronissi (Fanari) islet (Merambelou Gulf, E. Crete) (Stepanek, 1938; Wettstein, 1953, 1968).

Genus: *Chalcides* Laurenti, 1768

Chalcides moseri Ahl, 1937

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Thera (?). There are no later references after species first record.

Chalcides ocellatus (Forskål, 1775)

C. o. ocellatus (Forskål, 1775)

Mainland

Stereia: Prefectures of Attica (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Schneider, 1981), Boeotia (Wettstein, 1957), Aetoloacarnania (Werner, 1938a,b).

Peloponnese (Arnold et al., 1978)

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Aegina (Werner, 1933; Wettstein, 1953), Angistri (near Aegina) (Werner, 1933; Wettstein, 1953), Poros (Clark, 1967), Hydra (Clark, 1967).

Cyclades: Macronissos (Werner, 1938a,b; Wettstein, 1953), Kea (Werner, 1938a,b; Clark, 1967).

Dodecanese: Karpathos (Wettstein, 1953), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965), as well as Pentanissos islets (near Rhodos) (Wettstein, 1965).

Euboea (Werner, 1938a,b; Wettstein, 1953), Chios (Anderson, 1898), Crete (Stepanek, 1934; Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Wettstein, 1953, 1968), Dia islet (N of central Crete) (Wettstein, 1953).

Genus: *Mabuya* Fitzinger, 1826

Mabuya aurata (Linnaeus, 1758)

M. a. fellowsii (Gray, 1845)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Kos, Symi (Clark, 1972), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965, 1967a).

Samos (Beutler, 1979).

Genus: *Ophiomorus* Dumeril & Bibron, 1839

Ophiomorus punctatissimus (Bibron & Bory, 1833)

Mainland

Thessaly (?) (Werner, 1938a).

Sterea: Prefectures of Fthiotida (Bischoff, 1981a), Boeotia and Attica (Bedriaga, 1883).

Peloponnese: Prefectures of Corinthia (Anderson & Leviton, 1966; Clark & Clark, 1970), Argolida (Werner, 1937b), Arcadia, Laconia (Anderson & Leviton, 1966; Bischoff, 1981a) and Messinia (Werner, 1912; Anderson & Leviton, 1966).

Aegean islands

Kythera (Pieper, 1970; Arnold et al., 1978).

Family: LACERTIDAE Bonaparte, 1831

Genus: *Algyroides* Bibron & Bory, 1833

Algyroides moreoticus Bibron & Bory, 1833

Mainland

Peloponnese: Everywhere (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Clark & Clark, 1970; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980; Bischoff, 1981b).

Ionian islands

Kephallonia (Werner, 1938a; Mertens, 1961), Ithaki (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Mertens, 1961), Zakynthos (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Mertens, 1961).

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Psili islet (Argolic Gulf, Peloponnese) (Clark, 1972).

Algyroides nigropunctatus (Dumeril & Bibron, 1839)

Mainland

Macedonia: Prefectures of Florina and Kastoria (Bischoff, 1981c).

Epirus: Everywhere (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1935, 1941; Bischoff, 1981c).

Sterea: Prefectures of Aetoloacarnania (Ondrias, 1968) and Fokida.

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Mertens, 1961; KÜchler, 1979), Paxi (Werner, 1938a; Mertens, 1961), Lefkada (Werner, 1929, 1938a), Kephallonia (Werner, 1929, 1938a), Ithaki (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941), Zakynthos (Werner, 1938a), as well as Vido islet (near the east coast of Kerkyra) (Koch, 1932).

Genus: *Lacerta* Linnaeus, 1758

Lacerta agilis Linnaeus, 1758

L. a. bosnica Schreiber, 1912

Mainland

Thrace: Rhodopi mountain chain.

Macedonia: Prefectures of Florina and Drama.

Also this lizard probably occurs in other localities along the north Greek borders.

Lacerta danfordi Günther, 1876

* *L. d. oertzeni* Werner, 1904

Aegean islands

Ikaria, Samos. (Both islands are referred by Werner, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1967b; Pieper, 1970).

L. d. pelasgiana Mertens, 1959

Aegean islands

Symi (Werner, 1935; Pieper, 1970), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965, 1967b; Pieper, 1970).

* *L. d. pentanisiensis* Wettstein, 1964

Aegean islands

Pentanissos islets (near Rhodos) (Wettstein, 1964, 1965, 1967b).

Lacerta graeca Bedriaga, 1886

Mainland

Peloponnese: Prefectures of Achaia (southeast part) (Ostenrath, 1973), Corinthia, Argolida, Arcadia (Ostenrath, 1973; Ewald, 1980), Laconia (Werner, 1899, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Ostenrath, 1973; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980), Messinia (Werner, 1938a; Ostenrath, 1973; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980) and Ilia (south part) (Ostenrath, 1973; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1982).

Lacerta trilineata Bedriaga, 1886*L. t. trilineata* Bedriaga, 1886

Mainland

Everywhere (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Buresch & Zonkow, 1933; Werner, 1938a; Kattinger, 1941; Frör, 1979).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Werner, 1927, 1938a; Mertens, 1961, 1968), Lefkada (Werner, 1929, 1938a), Kephallonia (Werner, 1927, 1938a), Zakynthos (Werner, 1938a), as well as Kalamos, Kastos and Provati islands (near the coast of Sterea) (Werner, 1938a).

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Salamina (Daan, 1967), Poros, Hydra, Spetses. (These three islands are referred by Clark, 1967).

Cyclades: In all islands except those inhabited by the other subspecies (see below) (Werner, 1899, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1957; Frör, 1979).

North Sporades: Skiathos (Frör, 1979), Skopelos (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1957), Alonnisos (Werner, 1938a), Skyros (Werner, 1938a; Frör, 1979), Arkonissi islet (near Skiathos) (Werner, 1938a; Frör, 1979).

Euboea (Werner, 1938a), Kythera (Werner, 1938a; Frör, 1979), Samothraki (Frör, 1979), Lesvos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Broggi, 1978; Frör, 1979), Chios (Werner, 1938a).

L. t. cariensis Peters, 1964

Aegean islands

Samos (Daan, 1967; Frör, 1979).

* *L. t. citrovittata* Werner, 1938

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Tinos (Buchholz, 1962b; Frör, 1979), Mykonos (Frör & Beutler, 1978; Frör, 1979).

* *L. t. diplochondrodes* Wettstein, 1952

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Rhodos (Wettstein, 1952, 1965, 1967a; Mertens, 1959; Frör, 1979).

* *L. t. hansschweizeri* Müller, 1935

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Kythnos (Werner, 1935; Frör, 1979), Serifos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Frör, 1979), Sifnos (Frör, 1979), Kimolos (Frör, 1979), Milos (Werner, 1899, 1935, 1938a; Müller, 1935; Wettstein, 1957; Frör, 1979), Polyaeos (Frör, 1979).

* *L. t. polylepidota* Wettstein, 1952

Aegean islands

Crete (Stepanek, 1934; Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1952, 1968; Frör, 1979).

The populations of *L. trilineata* from the Aegean islands Syros, Andros (Cyclades) and S. Euboea are

considered intermediate between *L. t. trilineata* and *L. t. citrovittata* (Buchholz, 1962b). Frör (1979) places the Syros and Andros populations to the subspecies *L. t. citrovittata*. He also reports that in S. Euboea both the above subspecies exist.

Lacerta viridis (Laurenti, 1768)

L. v. viridis (Laurenti, 1768)

Mainland

W. Thrace (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1938a; Frör, 1979), Macedonia (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Kattinger, 1941; Frör, 1979; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1982), Thessaly (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1938a,b; Frör, 1979), Epirus (Werner, 1938b).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Mertens, 1968; Keymar, in press), Paxi (Keymar, in press).

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Skiathos (Werner, 1938b; Frör, 1979), Skyros (Frör, 1979).

N. and C. Euboea (Werner, 1938a,b; Frör, 1979), Thassos (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1938a; Kattinger, 1941; Frör, 1979), Samothraki (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1935, 1938a; Kattinger, 1941; Frör, 1979).

L. v. meridionalis Cyren, 1933

Mainland

Thrace (Cyren, 1933; Frör, 1979).

Genus: *Ophisops* Ménériés, 1832

Ophisops elegans Ménériés, 1832

O. e. macrodactylus (Berthold, 1842)

According to Baran (1982) the name *O. e. macrodactylus* has the priority against its synonym *O. e. ehrenbergii* which has been referred for the Greek *Ophisops* so far (Ondrias, 1968, etc.).

Mainland

Thrace: At least in Evros prefecture (Buresch & Zonkow, 1933).

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Patmos (Darewskij & Beutler, 1981), Leros, Kalymnos (Schneider, 1983), Telendos (Schneider, 1983), Kos (Pieper, 1970), Nissyros (Werner, 1935), Symi (Werner, 1935), Rhodos (Wettstein, 1965), Karpathos (?) (Wettstein, 1953; Ondrias, 1968), Astypalaea (Zavattari, 1929), Gyalí islet (near Nissyros) (Werner, 1935).

Thassos (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953), Limnos (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Agios Efstratios (Werner, 1938a), Lesvos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Broggi, 1978), Chios (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Psara (Werner, 1938a), Ikaria (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Fourni (Ondrias, 1968), Samos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Cyren, 1941).

Genus: *Podarcis* Wagler, 1830

Podarcis erhardii (Bedriaga, 1882)

* *P. e. erhardii* (Bedriaga, 1882)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Serifos (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1953), Sifnos (Wettstein, 1953).

* *P. e. amorgensis* (Werner, 1933)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Amorgos (Werner, 1933, 1938a; Lieftinck, 1974), Epano Koufonissi (Wettstein, 1937), Keros (Wettstein, 1937), Anafi (Wettstein, 1937; Werner, 1938a), Anhydro islet (SW of Amorgos) (Wettstein, 1937).

In Lotze's (1973) opinion the *P. erhardii* populations of Epano Koufonissi, Keros and Antikeros belong to the subspecies *P. e. naxensis* (see below).

* *P. e. biinsulicola* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Makria and Mikro Ftino islets (S of Anafi) (Wettstein, 1937; Werner, 1938a).

* *P. e. buchholzi* (Wettstein, 1956)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Ktenia islets (E of Naxos) (Wettstein, 1956, 1957).

* *P. e. cretensis* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Crete (NW part) (Wettstein, 1952; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. elaphonisii* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Elaphonissi (near the SW end of Crete) (Wettstein, 1952; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. kinarensis* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Kinaros islet (NE of Amorgos) (Wettstein, 1937; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. leukaorii* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Crete (SW part) (Wettstein, 1952; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. levithensis* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Levitha islet (NE of Amorgos) (Wettstein, 1937; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. livadhiaca* (Werner, 1902)

Mainland

Stereia: Prefectures of Boeotia and Attica (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a).

Peloponnese: Prefectures of Corinthia (Cyren, 1941), Argolida, Arcadia (east part) and Laconia.

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Hydra (Werner, 1938a; Clark, 1967), Prassonissi islet (near Salamina) (Wettstein, 1957).

Euboea (Werner, 1938a).

* *P. e. makariaisi* (Wettstein, 1956)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Agios Nikolaos islet (Makariai islet group, E of Naxos) (Wettstein, 1956, 1957).

* *P. e. megalophtheneae* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Megalo Ftino islet (S of Anafi) (Wettstein, 1937; Werner, 1938a).

* *P. e. mykonensis* (Werner, 1933)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Andros (Böttger, 1888; Wettstein, 1957), Syros (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1938a), Tinos (Böttger, 1888; Werner, 1938a), Delos (Werner, 1938a; Wettstein, 1957), Rhénia, Mykonos (Böttger, 1888; Frör & Beutler, 1978).

* *P. e. naxensis* (Werner, 1899)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Naxos (Wettstein, 1957), Donoussa (Wettstein, 1957), Heraklia (Wettstein, 1953; Lotze, 1973), Schinoussa (Ondrias, 1968), Ios (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Sikinos (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Folegandros (Werner, 1935, 1938a), Kardiotissa (between Sikinos and Folegandros) (Ondrias, 1968), as well as the islets: Ovriokastro, Gaidouronissi and Tria Nissia (near Paros) (Wettstein, 1957; Gruber & Fuchs, 1977).

Crete (Wettstein, 1931, 1937; Werner, 1933, 1935), as well as the islet Elassa (near the NE end of Crete).

Samos (?) (Werner, 1935).

* *P. e. ophidusae* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Ophidoussa islet (W of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. pachiae* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Pachia islet (S of Anafi) (Wettstein, 1937; Werner, 1938a).

* *P. e. phytiusae* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Phytioussa islet (S of Schinoussa) (Wettstein, 1937; Werner, 1938a).

* *P. e. punctigularis* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Prasonissi islet (near the SW coast of Crete) (Wettstein, 1952; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. rechingeri* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Paximada and Dragonada islets (near the NE end of Crete) (Wettstein, 1952; Ondrias, 1968).

P. e. riveti (Chabanaud, 1919)

Mainland

Thrace and Macedonia (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Kattinger, 1942; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1980): In a wide mountainous zone along the north borders of Greece. Also, in the greatest part of W. Macedonia (usually except the lowlands and coasts).

Thessaly: Prefectures of Trikkala and Karditsa (?)

Epirus: Prefectures of Ioannina and Arta (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941).

Stereia: Prefecture of Evrytania (Cyren, 1941).

Aegean islands

Samothraki (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1935), Thassos (?) (Kattinger, 1942).

* *P. e. ruthveni* (Werner, 1930)

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Everywhere, except Skiathos, Skyros archipelago and Piperi islet (near Youra) (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Wettstein, 1957; Gruber & Schultze-Westrum, 1971; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1981).

* *P. e. schiebeli* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Dia islet (N of central Crete) (Stepanek, 1940; Wettstein, 1952).

* *P. e. subobscura* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: The south and the northeast islet of the islet group Tria Nissia (SE of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. syrinae* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Astypalaea, as well as Dyo Adelphe and Syrina islets (SE of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. thermiensis* (Werner, 1935)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Kythnos (Werner, 1935, 1938a).

* *P. e. thessalica* (Cyren, 1938)

Mainland

Thessaly: Prefectures of Larissa (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1981), Trikkala (?) and Karditsa (?)

Sterea: Prefecture of Fthiotida.

Aegean islands

Euboea (Werner, 1938b; Cyren, 1941).

* *P. e. werneriana* (Wettstein, 1952)

Aegean islands

Micronissi and Gaidouronissi islets (S of E. Crete) (Wettstein, 1952; Ondrias, 1968).

* *P. e. zafranae* (Wettstein, 1937)

Aegean islands

Dodecanese: Megalo Sofrano (Megali Zafrana) islet (S of Astypalaea) (Wettstein, 1937; Ondrias, 1968).

The systematic status of the populations of Thera archipelago (Thera, Therassia, as well as Palaea Kameni and Nea Kameni islets) is controversial. They are considered to belong either to *P. e. naxensis* (Werner, 1938a; Lieftinck, 1974) or to *P. e. mykonensis* (Frör & Beutler, 1978).

In our opinion a taxonomic revision of *P. erhardii* from Cyclades, Dodecanese and Crete is necessary, as several of the above subspecies are probably synonyms.

Podarcis milensis (Bedriaga, 1882)* *P. m. milensis* (Bedriaga, 1882)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Milos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1957; Buchholz, 1962a; Tiedemann & Mayer 1980; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1980), Kimolos (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980), Polyaeos (Werner, 1938a; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980), Agios Efstathios islet (near Kimolos) (Werner, 1935, 1938a; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980).

* *P. m. adolfjordansi* (Buchholz, 1962)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Ananes islets (SW of Milos) (Buchholz, 1962a; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980).

* *P. m. gaigeae* (Werner, 1930)

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Skyros archipelago (Werner, 1930; Gruber & Schultze-Westrum, 1971; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1980).

* *P. m. gerakuniae* (Müller, 1938)

Aegean islands

Falconera islet (NW of Milos, between Cyclades and Peloponnese) (Müller, 1938; Wettstein, 1957; Buchholz, 1962a; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980).

* *P. m. schweizeri* (Mertens, 1934)

Aegean islands

Cyclades: Antimilos (near Milos) (Mertens, 1934; Werner, 1935, 1938a; Wettstein, 1957; Buchholz, 1962a; Tiedemann & Mayer, 1980).

* *P. m. weigandi* (Gruber & Schultze-Westrum, 1971)

Aegean islands

North Sporades: Piperi islet (near Youra) (Gruber & Schultze-Westrum, 1971; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1981).

Podarcis muralis (Laurenti, 1768)*P. m. muralis* (Laurenti, 1768)

Mainland

Thrace and Macedonia (east and central part): Everywhere, except lowlands and coasts (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a).

Aegean islands

Samothraki (Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a).

P. m. albanica (Bolkay, 1919)

Mainland

Macedonia (west part): Prefectures of Pella, Florina (Werner, 1938a; Kattinger, 1942), Kastoria (Cyren, 1941), Kozani (Cyren, 1941) and Grevena (Cyren, 1941).

Epirus: Prefectures of Ioannina (Cyren, 1935, 1941; Wettstein, 1957) and Arta (Cyren, 1941).

Thessaly: Prefectures of Larissa (Mayer & Tiedemann, 1980), Trikkala and Karditsa (Cyren, 1941).

Sterea: Prefectures of Fthiotida (Cyren, 1935, 1941; Wettstein, 1957), Evrytania (Cyren, 1941), Fokida, Actoloacarnania (Cyren, 1941), and Boeotia.

Peloponnese: Prefectures of Achaia (Mayer & Tiedemann, 1980), Corinthia (Cyren, 1935, 1941), Arcadia (Cyren, 1941), Ilia (south part), Messinia (Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980) and Laconia (Cyren, 1941; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980).

Podarcis peloponnesiaca (Bibron & Bory, 1833)* *P. p. peloponnesiaca* (Bibron & Bory, 1833)

Mainland

Peloponnese: Prefectures of Ilia (south part) (Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980), Arcadia (Werner, 1938a), Messinia (Cyren, 1935, 1941; Werner, 1938a) and Laconia (Werner, 1899, 1938a; Cyren, 1935, 1941).

* *P. p. lais* (Buchholz, 1960)

Mainland

Peloponnese: Prefectures of Ilia (north part) (Werner, 1899, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980), Achaia (Cyren, 1935, 1941; Werner, 1938a) and Corinthia (Werner, 1938a; Ewald, 1980).

* *P. p. phryne* (Buchholz, 1960)

Mainland

Peloponnese: Velias mountain, S of Kalavryta town, Achaia (Buchholz, 1960).

* *P. p. thais* (Buchholz, 1960)

Mainland

Peloponnese: Prefecture of Argolida (Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941; Buchholz, 1960).

Aegean islands

Argo-saronic islands: Psili islet (Argolic Gulf) (Clark, 1972).

Podarcis taurica (Pallas, 1814)*P. t. taurica* (Pallas, 1814)

Mainland

Thrace, Macedonia and Thessaly: Nearly everywhere, perhaps except several parts of SW. Macedonia and W. Thessaly (Buresch & Zonkow, 1933; Cyren, 1933, 1941; Werner, 1938a; Kattinger, 1942).

Stereia: Prefectures of Fthiotida, Boeotia (Werner, 1938a) and Fokida.

P. t. ionica (Lehrs, 1902)

Mainland

Epirus: Everywhere (Böttger, 1893; Werner, 1938a).

Stereia: Prefecture of Aetoloacarnania (Cyren, 1935, 1941).

Peloponnese: Everywhere (Werner, 1899, 1938a; Cyren, 1935, 1941; Wettstein, 1957; Bischoff & Bischoff, 1980; Mayer & Tiedemann, 1980).

Ionian islands

Kerkyra (Lehrs, 1902; Werner, 1927, 1938a; Mertens, 1961), Kephallonia (Lehrs, 1902; Werner, 1927, 1938a), Ithaki (Lehrs, 1902; Werner, 1938a; Cyren, 1941), Zakynthos (Lehrs, 1902; Werner, 1938a; Mahnert, 1973).

* *P. t. thasopulae* (Kattinger, 1942)

Aegean islands

Thassopoula islet (between Thassos and Macedonian coast) (Cyren, 1933; Werner, 1938a; Kattinger, 1942).

The exact borders of the *P. t. taurica* and *P. t. ionica* ranges is difficult to be determined as many transitional forms occur along the central mainland from N to S.

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