

## Un exemplar de morfo concolor de *Podarcis bocagei* (López-Seoane 1884) (Lacertidae, Squamata)

### Concolor morph of *Podarcis bocagei* (López-Seoane 1884) (Lacertidae, Squamata)

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A lagarta de Bocage (*Podarcis bocagei*) é un endemismo da Península Ibérica, cunha distribución restrinxida ao noroeste de España e Portugal. A coloración dorsal soe ser marrón ou verde nos machos, parda nas femias e xuvenís, copiosamente cuberta de manchas escuras. Os patróns aberrantes de cor semellan ser raros nesta especie, aínda que se teñen citado exemplares con morfos melánicos e concolor (GALÁN & VAZQUEZ, 2010; GALÁN *et al.*, 2011).

Durante unha mostraxe herpetolóxica no humidal Gándaras de Budiño detectouse un xuvenil de *Podarcis bocagei* cunha coloración infrecuente, cun fondo pardo uniforme sen restos do patrón reticulado dorsal típico desta especie (Fig.1). O xuvenil foi detectado nunha silveira, xunto cunha femia de coloración normal, preto dunha pequena poza o 3 de decembro de 2019 (Salceda de Caselas, Spain, UTM 29TNG35, ver mapa 1). O exemplar media arredor duns 7-8 cm de lonxitude total, co corpo e rabo dunha cor parda sen liñas laterais nin reticulado dorsal, mentres que a cabeza presentaba unha cor marrón mais escura.

Os exemplares con morfo concolor presentan coloración uniforme, perdendo as marcas escuras dorsais. Téñense detectados exemplares en varias especies de *Podarcis*, *Scelarcis*, *Dalmatolacerta*, *Dinarolacerta*, *Lacerta*, *Darevskia* e *Iberolacerta* (ARRIBAS, 2001; ARNOLD *et al.*, 2007; JABLONSKI & CHRISTOPHORYOVÁ, 2016; AYRES, 2019). Este semella ser o caso do exemplar descrito neste traballo.

The Bocage's lizard (*Podarcis bocagei*) is an endemism of the Iberian Peninsula, with a distribution restricted to the north-west of Spain and Portugal. The dorsal surface is usually brown or green in males, brownish in females and juveniles, copiously speckled with rows of dark markings. The underparts are usually yellow or orange. Colour aberrations seem to be rare in this species, although melanistic and concolor morphs have been reported (GALÁN & VAZQUEZ, 2010; GALÁN *et al.*, 2011).

During an herpetological survey in the Gandaras de Budiño wetland I observed a juvenile *Podarcis bocagei* with an unusual colouration, uniform brown background colour, but with no remains of the dark reticulate dorsal pattern that usually shows this species (Fig.1). The lizard was observed on a Rubus bush, along with a normal colored female, near a small pond, on 3 December 2019 (Salceda de Caselas, Spain, UTM 29TNG35, Map 1). The specimen averages about 7-8 cm in total length, brown color with no lateral lines or dorsal cross-section in the body and tail, while the head was darker brown.

Concolor morphs are uniformly coloured, having virtually no dorsal markings. It has been recorded in several species of *Podarcis*, *Scelarcis*, *Dalmatolacerta*, *Dinarolacerta*, *Lacerta*, *Darevskia* e *Iberolacerta* (ARRIBAS, 2001; ARNOLD *et al.*, 2007; JABLONSKI & CHRISTOPHORYOVÁ, 2016; AYRES, 2019). This seems to be the morph described in this note.

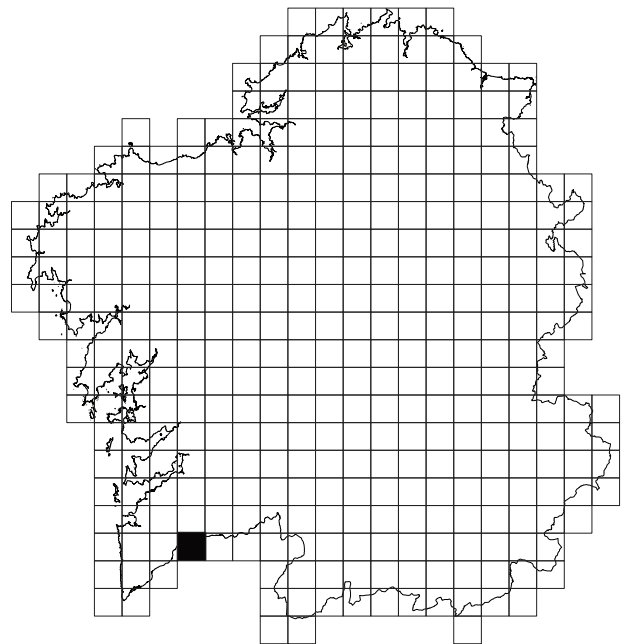


Fotos 1. Patrón de color, vistas dorsais.  
Photos 1. Color pattern, dorsal views.



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Mapa 1. Ubicación do espécime.  
Map 1. Specimen location.