

# JOIN THE DOTS...



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ALLIGATOR	PAINTED TURTLE	TORTOISE
CROCODILE	SEA TURTLE	LIZARD
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GECKO	BOA	

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# LIZARD SAFARI

Go past the Tropical House and up towards the Arid Garden to find the stone wall where all the lizards hide!



### LIZARD SAFARI (PODARCIS MURALIS)

#### LIZARD HOT SPOTS



Wall outside the Tropical House



Arid Garden



Mediterranean Garden

#### **LIZARD FACTS**

- In 2002 we installed a dry stone wall near our Tropical House for the lizards. We have the largest Wall Lizard colony in the UK!
- 2 Wall lizards can reach up to 20cm in length, their tail make up two thirds of their length. Usually males are bigger than the females.
- 3 Our lizards were introduced here by man, a foreign ship crashed onto the coast at Ventnor; the lizards escaped to the shore and have remained here ever since.
- 4 Lizards are very agile and quick; they can run vertically up the side of buildings, so keep your eyes peeled on the walls as well as the paths!
- Lizards love the sun! On sunny days (hopefully like today) you can see them sunbathing around the garden, particularly in the Arid and Mediterranean garden.
- 6 Lizards love to eat grasshoppers, spiders, woodlice, crickets and caterpillars. Our Lizards have also been known to eat fruit, berries and even strawberry jam!
- 7 Lizards hibernate between November and February, but if it's sunny enough during this time, they will come out.
- 8 Babies are born between late June and early October – so keep an eye out! The babies are easy to tell apart from the adults because they have really big heads.

## HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

