

## Kurzmitteilungen

### Die aktive Rolle des Weibchens bei der Partnerwahl und Paarung des Laubfroschs (*Hyla a. arborea*)

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#### The active role of the European treefrog female in mate choice and mating (*Hyla a. arborea*)

In video recordings of the mating procedure in seven European treefrog pairs, the females were observed to play an active role. After the female approached the male from the front or from behind, the female used its forelimb to touch the male at its side, head, or at the vocal sac. It then ducked its head and moved in front of the male, and the calling male mounted the female.

**Key words:** Amphibia, Anura, Hylidae, European treefrog, *Hyla arborea*, mating behavior, mate choice.

### Gelege einer Ringelnatter (*Natrix n. natrix*) in Muschelkalk

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#### Grass snake (*Natrix n. natrix*) egg clutch in shellbearing limestone (Muschelkalk)

A clutch of grass snake eggs that had hatched successfully were found on a semi-vegetated scree of shellbearing limestone. The egg shells were found beneath stones on the steep dry south facing slope. The nearest body of water is a spring 360 m away from the egg-laying site and an altitude of 60 m below it. The nearest water meadow, of the Gleise stream, a tributary of the river Saale is 1,2 km away and approximately 100 m below the location.

**Key words:** Reptilia, Squamata, Serpentes, *Natrix natrix*, egg clutch.

**Gelegedaten zur weltweit nördlichsten eingeschleppten  
Mauereidechsen-Population (*Podarcis muralis maculiventris*-  
West) bei Bramsche, Landkreis Osnabrück**

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**Oviposition site and clutch size of the world's northernmost introduced  
wall lizard population (*Podarcis muralis maculiventris*-West)  
near Bramsche, district of Osnabrück**

Due to limited data on oviposition site choice and clutch-size variation of introduced and native *P. muralis* in Germany, field observations on six clutches (range: 5–9, mean: 6,8) of introduced wall lizards (*P. m. maculiventris*-West) in a quartzite quarry near Bramsche are briefly reported.

**Key words:** Reptilia, Squamata, Lacertidae, *Podarcis muralis*, egg laying site, clutch size, invasive species, Germany.

**Bergbachkolke als Reproduktionsgewässer von  
*Pelophylax perezi* auf Madeira**

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**Rock pools in mountain streams as spawning sites of *Pelophylax perezi* on Madeira**

*Pelophylax perezi* is the only amphibian species inhabiting Madeira. Probably it was introduced there by man during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Actually this frog is distributed all over the island from near the sea level up to 1 500 m a. s. l. It can be found in nearly all types of stagnant and flowing waters. Whereas *Pelophylax perezi* on the Iberian Peninsula only exceptionally uses rock pools in mountain streams as spawning sites, on Madeira this habitat is used for reproduction regularly.

**Key words:** Amphibia, Anura, Ranidae, *Pelophylax perezi*, rock pool breeder, Madeira, Portugal.

***Ichthyosaura*, der neue Gattungsname für den Bergmolch  
– ein Lehrbeispiel in Sachen Nomenklatur**

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***Ichthyosaura* the new generic name for the Alpine newt  
– a didactic example in the matter of nomenclature**

The numerous recent changes in amphibian and reptile systematics, and consequently also in nomenclature, provoke much reluctance even among scientists. The new generic name *Ichthyosaura* Sonnini & Latreille, 1801, available for the Alpine newt, is an appropriate example to explain some comprehensive and complicated regulations of the »International Code of Zoological Nomenclature« (ICZN).

**Key words:** Amphibia, *Ichthyosaura*, Alpine newt, new systematics and nomenclature.