



## European Glass Lizard *Pseudopus apodus*

**Description:** Named for their reputation of “breaking into pieces” when attacked, these lizards can break off and regenerate their tail. They have no forelimbs, but have traces of hind legs.

**Habitat:** Prefer dry habitats, such as rocky hillsides with cover. They can be found in dry stone walls, embankments, and stone piles.

**Range:** Southeast Europe including Yugoslavia, Greece to the Black Sea region, and east to southwest Asia.



**Natural diet:** Small mammals, bird eggs, and invertebrates.

**Zoo diet:** Young mice and crickets.

**Life span:** 50 years in captivity.

**Behavior:** Will respond to threats by hissing, biting, and musking (secreting a strong odor).

**Reproduction:** Males become aggressively competitive during breeding season. Females will have 5-10 offspring at a time.

**Conservation Status:**  
Has not been assessed by the IUCN.



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