
Timon pater (Figs. 9 a-b)

Synonyms

Lacerta ocellata (DAUDIN, 1802)
Lacerta ocellata pater (LATASTE, 1880)
Lacerta ocellata var. *viridissima* (BOETTGER, 1885)
Lacerta ocellata var. *pater* (BOULENGER, 1920)
Lacerta ocellata (LAURENT, 1935)
Lacerta ocellata pater (HEDIGER, 1935)
Lacerta lepida pater (ANGEL, 1946)
Lacerta lepida pater (LANGERWERF, 1981)
Lacerta pater (BISCHOFF, 1982)
Lacerta pater (SCHLEICH, KÄSTLE & KABISCH, 1996)
Timon pater (MAYER & BISCHOFF, 1996)
Timon pater (ARNOLD et al., 2007)
Timon pater (AHMADZADEH et al., 2016)

Range: Algeria and NW Tunisia

Features:

The adult male presents a wonderful bright green colour on which numerous cobalt blue ocelli stand out at the sides of the body. The female is olive green with a brown tinge. The females are slimmer and smaller than the males. The males have a significantly broader and bigger head. Male *Timon pater* are predominantly green. The geographical origin of *T. pater* is to be found in the Southern region of Morocco. For this reason it is more suited to indoor vivaria, the smaller size and lack of hardiness lending themselves well to the average sized indoor enclosure in a centrally heated home.



Figure 9 a. *Timon pater*, subadult male. Picture by Alessandro Vetere.



Figure 9 b. *Timon pater*, adult female. Picture by Alessandro Vetere.