

COMMON LIZARD

The Latin name for the Common lizard is *Lacerta vivipara*.

Lizard is a common name for a particular type of reptile. Lizards constitute the largest living group of reptiles, with more than 3,000 species in a wide variety of shapes and sizes.

This lizard is a typical smallish lizard with a total length of up to 17cm, though usually less. It is very variable in colour, most commonly brown or grey with numerous dark markings and stripes down the back, with a paler underside. They have dry, scaly skin and long tails.

The young are usually born live, although sometimes eggs are laid, depending on the area.

Lizards are common and widespread throughout much of the world, in a variety of habitats. They may enter gardens from nearby habitats, or may live in larger, suitable gardens.