

A Case of Melanism in *Natrix natrix* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Reptilia: Colubridae) in Bulgaria

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Abstract: A melanistic specimen of *Natrix natrix* in Central Stara Planina Mts. (Bulgaria) was found. The altitude of the place (2100 m. a.s.l.) is the highest, recorded for this species in Bulgaria. Description of specimen's external morphology, as well as a short taxonomic comment are given.

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