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Zeckenbefall an Europäischen Landschildkröten in Bulgarien

Ticks on European tortoises in Bulgaria

Abstract

During a herpetological survey in Southern Bulgaria, *Testudo hermanni boettgeri* and *Testudo graeca iberica* was observed. Whereas *Testudo graeca iberica* were infested with large numbers of ticks, on *Testudo hermanni boettgeri* practically no ticks were found. Possible explanations underlying this difference are discussed.

Key words

Testudines: Testudinidae, *Testudo graeca iberica*, *Testudo hermanni boettgeri*, ticks, Arachnida: Ixodida, *Hyalomma aegyptium*, Kos, Greece

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