

This Wednesday 10 November at 8.00pm in the Marià Villangómez Library, author Antònia Cirer will tell crowds about her book "Eivissa i Formentera. Sargantanes i illes". Cirer will discuss Eivissa and Formentera's characteristic lizard, *Podarcis pityusensis*, and describe the most peculiar features of its biology. She will trace the origins of the current configuration of islets and islands in the Pine Islands archipelago, given those origins have a bearing on the living things that call the archipelago home today.

For lizards, Eivissa and Formentera possess a diversity of factors known as ecological conditionners, which explains their profusion of colours. Humans often regard Formentera as being marked by a certain degree of ecological uniformity, but the vastly diverse ecological conditionners have a direct bearing on the lives, body shape and, above all, colour of lizards. Cirer will devote particular attention to the lizards of Formentera, focusing on the distinct populations that live at three ends of the island, their varying types of coloration, and how the colours on lizards' backs vary as observers travel from north to south.

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