

## Online news reports as a source of data on the occurrence and frequency of stowaway reptiles and amphibians entering Great Britain

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### Online news reports of stowaway amphibians and reptiles by country and method of entry

Species highlighted in yellow are not native in their listed country of origin

\*Press sources that no longer have web pages available since data collection in April 2020

Country of Origin	Order	Family	Species	Common name	Year	Method of entry	Press source
Australia	Reptilia	Pythonidae	<i>Antaresia maculosa</i>	Spotted python	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">The Guardian</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Christinus marmoratus</i>	Australian marbled gecko	2020	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Hammerton Zoo News</a>
Barbados	Reptilia	Dactyloidae	<i>Anolis extremus</i>	Barbados anole	2015	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Worksop Guardian</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	Tropical house gecko	2018	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Cheshire Live</a>
Brazil	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	Tropical house gecko	2018	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
Cape Verde	Reptilia	Scincidae	<i>Chioninia</i> sp.	Skink	2012	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">The Guardian</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus</i> sp.	Gecko	2018	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Gloucestershire Live</a>
China	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Gekko chinensis</i>	Gray's Chinese gecko	2018	Wholesale	<a href="#">Heart News</a>
			<i>Hemidactylus</i> sp.	House gecko	2019	Wholesale	<a href="#">Hull Daily Mail</a>
Colombia	Amphibia	Hylidae	indet.	NA	2006	Retail	<a href="#">Daily Express*</a>
			<i>Hyloscirtus</i> sp.	NA	2010	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
		Dendrobatidae	<i>Epipedobates anthonyi</i>	Anthony's poison arrow frog	2011	Retail	<a href="#">The Northern Echo</a>
Costa Rica	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Smilisca sila</i>	Cross banded tree frog	2019	Retail	<a href="#">Daily Star</a>
	Reptilia	Dactyloidae	<i>Norops</i> sp.	Anole	2008	Retail	<a href="#">Metro</a>
			<i>Norops</i> sp.	Anole	2018	Retail	<a href="#">Yorkshire Live</a>

		Colubridae	indet.	NA	2017	Retail	<a href="#">Metro</a>
<b>Cuba</b>	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Osteopilus septentrionalis</i>	Cuban tree frog	2005	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Cyprus</b>	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Mediodactylus kotschy</i>	Kotschy's gecko	2008	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Reptile Forums</a>
		Lacertidae	<i>Phoenicolacerta troodica</i>	Troodos lizard	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Bucks Free Press</a>
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Osteopilus dominicensis</i>	Hispaniolan tree frog	2017	Retail	<a href="#">Civil Society</a>
			<i>Osteopilus dominicensis</i>	Hispaniolan common treefrog	2018	Retail	<a href="#">RSPCA News</a>
	Reptilia	Dactyloidae	<i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	Green anole	2013	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Ecuador</b>	Amphibia	Hylidae	indet.	NA	2005	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
			<i>Scinax funereus</i>	Moyobamba snouted treefrog	2019	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Egypt</b>	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	Mediterranean house gecko	2002	Wholesale	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Greece</b>	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	Turkish gecko	2012	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Kent Online</a>
		Lacertidae	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	Balkan green lizard	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Grenada</b>	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	Tropical house gecko	2015	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">The Wave*</a>
<b>India</b>	Reptilia	Viperidae	<i>Echis carinatus</i>	Saw-scale viper	2012	Wholesale	<a href="#">Daily Mail</a>
			<i>Echis carinatus</i>	Saw-scale viper	2012	Wholesale	<a href="#">Daily Mail</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	Common house gecko	2017	Wholesale	<a href="#">Walls and Floors</a>
		Varanidae	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	Bengal monitor	2019	Wholesale	<a href="#">ITV News</a>
		Colubridae	<i>Boiga trigonata</i>	Indian cat-eyed snake	2019	Wholesale	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Italy</b>	Reptilia	Lacertidae	<i>Podarcis sicula</i>	Italian wall lizard	2008	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Daily Mirror</a>
			<i>Lacerta bilineata</i>	Western green lizard	2008	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Daily Mail</a>
		Phyllodactylidae	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	Moorish Gecko	2018	Wholesale	<a href="#">The Press and Journal</a>
<b>Ivory Coast</b>	Amphibia	Hyperoliidae	<i>Hyperolius</i> sp.	African reed frog	2017	Retail	<a href="#">Lancaster Telegraph</a>
	Reptilia	Colubridae	<i>Philothamnus semivariegatus</i>	Spotted bush snake	2016	Wholesale	<a href="#">The Express</a>

<b>Jamaica</b>	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Osteopilus septentrionalis</i>	Cuban tree frog	2004	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
<b>Kuwait</b>	Reptilia	Colubridae	<i>Heterodon nasicus</i>	Hognose snake	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Evening Standard</a>
<b>Malaysia</b>	Reptilia	Colubridae	<i>Boiga dendrophilia</i>	Mangrove snake	2015	Wholesale	<a href="#">Ipswich Star</a>
<b>Mauritius</b>	Amphibia	Bufoidea	<i>Sclerophrys gutturalis</i>	Guttural toad	2015	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">University of Kent News</a>
<b>Mexico</b>	Reptilia	Colubridae	<i>Mastigodryas melanolomus</i>	Neotropical racer	2012	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">The Guardian</a>
		Dactyloidae	<i>Anolis barkeri</i>	Barker's anole	2018	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	Common house gecko	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Birmingham Mail</a>
<b>Myanmar</b>	Amphibia	Microhylidae	<i>Kaloula pulchra</i>	Banded bullfrog	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Clive Pig Blog</a>
<b>Netherlands</b>	Amphibia	Ranidae	<i>Rana temporaria</i>	Common frog	2011	Retail	<a href="#">Bournemouth Daily Echo</a>
		Hylidae	<i>Hyla arborea</i>	European tree frog	2012	Retail	<a href="#">The Independent</a>
<b>Portugal</b>	Amphibia	Bufoidea	<i>Epidalea calamita</i>	Natterjack toad	2007	Retail	<a href="#">Evening Standard</a>
	Reptilia	Lacertidae	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>	Iberian wall lizard	2014	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Ipswich Star</a>
<b>South Africa</b>	Amphibia	Bufoidea	<i>Sclerophrys capensis</i>	Raucous toad	2018	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Belfast Telegraph</a>
			<i>Schismaderma carens</i>	African red toad	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Daily Mail</a>
	Reptilia	Pythonidae	<i>Python sebae</i>	African rock python	2005	Wholesale	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
	Amphibia	Ranidae	<i>Pelophylax perezi</i>	Iberian water frog	2012	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
		Salamandridae	<i>Lissotriton vulgaris</i>	Smooth newt	2013	Retail	<a href="#">Daily Mail</a>
		Colubridae	<i>Lampropeltis getula californiae</i>	California kingsnake	2003	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News*</a>
		Phyllodactylidae	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	2009	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>	
				2009	Retail	<a href="#">Mirfield Reporter*</a>	
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	Turkish gecko	2009	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Daily Mirror</a>
Lacertidae	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>	Iberian wall lizard	2011	Retail	<a href="#">Somerset County Gazette</a>		

Spain	Reptilia	Phyllodactylidae	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	Moorish gecko	2011	Retail	<a href="#">The Sun</a>
					2011	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Heart News</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	Turkish gecko	2015	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">South Wales Guardian</a>
					2015	Retail	<a href="#">Daily Mirror</a>
		Lacertidae	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>	Iberian wall lizard	2015	Retail	<a href="#">Cosmopolitan</a>
					2016	Retail	<a href="#">Daily Record</a>
		Phyllodactylidae	<i>Tarentola mauritanica</i>	Moorish gecko	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Gloucestershire Live</a>
					2018	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
					2019	Retail	<a href="#">Daily Star</a>
		Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus sp.</i>	House gecko	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Signal News*</a>
Lacertidae	<i>Podarcis hispanica</i>	Iberian wall lizard	2017	Retail	<a href="#">Motherwell Times</a>		
Sri Lanka	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	Common house gecko	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Cheshire Live</a>
St Lucia	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus sp.</i>	House gecko	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Putney SW15</a>
		Dactyloidae	<i>Anolis sagrei</i>	Brown anole	2019	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Thurrock Gazette</a>
Thailand	Reptilia	Varanidae	<i>Varanus nebulosus</i>	Clouded monitor	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">ITV News</a>
USA	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Osteopilus septentrionalis</i>	Cuban tree frog	2017	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">AOL UK</a>
				Cuban tree frog	2018	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
		Colubridae	<i>Lampropeltis getula californiae</i>	California kingsnake	2003	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
				California kingsnake	2005	Retail	<a href="#">BBC News</a>
	Reptilia	Gekkonidae	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	Turkish gecko	2013	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Daily Mirror</a>
		Dactyloidae	<i>Anolis sagrei</i>	Brown anole	2015	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Daily Record</a>
		Teiidae	<i>Aspidoscelis sp.</i>	Whiptail	2018	Retail	<a href="#">Keighley News</a>
		Dactyloidae	<i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	Green anole	2018	Retail	<a href="#">The York Press</a>
Gekkonidae	<i>Tarentola sp.</i>	Crocodile gecko	2018	Retail	<a href="#">ITV News</a>		
Zambia	Amphibia	Rhacophoridae	<i>Chiromantis xerampelina</i>	Grey foam-nest tree frog	2008	Holidaymaker	<a href="#">Liverpool Echo</a>