

CLEARANCE CAIRNS & DRY-STONE WALLS

A safe
shelter



sand lizard
Lacerta agilis

Shelter

The larger cavities in cairns provide shelter for hedgehogs and stoats, but small animals such as spiders and insects also find a home. Lizards in particular seek shelter in the cracks of dry-stone walls.

Food source

Over time, mosses, algae, and flowering plants grow on the piles of stones. This attracts specialized small butterflies and snails. These in turn serve as food for lizards and hedgehogs.

Heat source

On sunny days, the stones become warm, and lizards bask on them. Butterflies also love the warmth and wait there for a mate.

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