

## Natural History Notes

***PHILODRYAS PSAMMOPHIDEA*** (Günther's green racer) **DIET.** Snakes of the genus *Philodryas* are medium to large bodied species distributed across the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, and Paraguay (Thomas, 1976). They are considered to be generalist predators, preying upon a wide variety of taxa including birds, mammals, anurans, lizards, and snakes (Funk et al., 2003; Lopez, 2003; Franca & Araujo, 2007; Lopez & Giarudo, 2008; Quinteros-Muñoz et al., 2010; Schalk, 2010). Herein we report a new prey item for *Philodryas psammophidea* from the inter-Andean dry valleys of Bolivia.

On 29 March 2012, a dead adult *P. Psammophidea*, that had been killed by a villager, was found (SVL = 425 mm; TL = 145 mm; sex unknown) in the town of Becerro, Florida Province, Santa Cruz Department, Bolivia (GPS 18° 1'20.12"S, 64°11'19.75" W; datum WGS 84). Upon dissection in the field, the remains of an adult *Pleurodema cinereum* (Anura: Leiuperidae, sex unknown) were found.

Amphibians and reptiles have been reported as constituting the largest part of the diet in other species of *Philodryas*. However, previous studies have only documented lizards (Franca & Araujo, 2007) and a rodent (Quinteros-Muñoz et al., 2010) in the diet of *P. psammophidea*. Quinteros-Muñoz et al. (2010) suggested that mammals may constitute a larger part of the diet of *P. psammophidea* in the inter-Andean valleys of Cochabamba because they are a more abundant as prey species than amphibians or reptiles. Whether or not prey exhibit a similar abundance pattern in this region is unknown, but our report provides support for this species possessing attributes of a generalist predator, similar to other members of its genus.

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