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Tadpoles included in the diet of *Coluber rhodorachis* (JAN, 1865)

During December 2000, I witnessed an adult *Coluber rhodorachis* (JAN, 1865) preying on tadpoles of *Bufo arabicus* HEYDEN, 1827 (Arabian Toad) in an ephemeral pool in Wadi Shawayah, in the Hatta border area (United Arab Emirates / Sultanate of Oman). *Coluber rhodorachis* is one of the commonest snakes encountered in the Hajar Mountains, especially in wadis, in the eastern United Arab Emirates and north-eastern Sultanate of Oman. Although *C. rhodorachis* feeds mainly on lizards (LEVITON et al. 1992), fishes (fresh and saltwater), toads, rodents, other reptiles and even bats are also included in the diet (GALLAGHER 1993; JONGBLOED 2000).

During June 2001, an adult *C. rhodorachis* was observed foraging close to a small ephemeral pool in the Wadi Bih area in the Musandam Peninsula (Sultanate of Oman) which was only occupied by adults and tadpoles of *B. dhufarensis* PARKER, 1931 (Dhofar Toad). No predation on last mentioned toad species was however observed, but is likely due to the December 2000 sighting.

This is the first reported case of *B. arabicus* tadpoles contributing to the diet of *C. rhodorachis*.

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Addenda / Corrigenda

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Bei Abbildung 4 (Seite 69) wurden die Signaturbezeichnungen in der englischsprachigen Bildunterschrift vertauscht; sie ist durch nachstehende Version zu ersetzen.

English caption of figure 4 (page 69) to be replaced by the version below (signature explanations were permuted).

Fig. 4: Map of the Irano-Caspian region. Code to locality symbols: ★ - Krasnowodsk, Turkmenistan; 1 - Baku, Azerbaijan; 2 - Teheran, Iran; 3 - Yazd, Iran (from where *Testudo graeca zarudnyi* is recorded). Distributions of *T. g. zarudnyi* (fine dotting) and *T. g. iberica sensu lato* (rough dotting) follow those depicted in ANDERSON (1979). Drawing: A. PIEH.

Im Abschnitt "Abgrenzung des Krasnowodsk-Exemplars gegenüber anderen Taxa" (Seite 71) soll es im zweiten Satz des ersten Absatzes richtigerweise heißen: "... gestaucht wirkenden vierten Rippenschilde..." anstelle von "... gestaucht wirkenden dritten Rippenschilde ...".

Second sentence of paragraph "Abgrenzung des Krasnowodsk-Exemplars gegenüber anderen Taxa" (page 71): read "... gestaucht wirkenden vierten Rippenschilde.." instead of "... gestaucht wirkenden dritten Rippenschilde ..".

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