

***Crotalus viridis* are not commonly seen;  
are they rare or cryptic?**





**Note heat-sensitive pits below the eyes on this rattlesnake**





**This  
*Crotalus viridis*  
may be  
the largest  
individual  
we have seen  
on the  
study site**



**Note the keeled scales and the rattles**





**The fangs are  
curved and  
needle sharp  
for efficient  
penetration**





**This snake seems to glide effortlessly across the desert floor**





**Average size adult *Masticophis taeniatus*,  
the striped whip snake  
(this one had just eaten an adult male *Phrynosoma*)**





***Masticophis taeniatus* eating *Sceloporus graciosus***





An adult *Phrynosoma platyrhinos* was eaten  
by a *Masticophis taeniatus*





# ***Masticophis* swallowing *Phrynosoma***





**John Garman, 2007, caught a striped whipsnake on site**





**Alden, Wendell & their catch,  
a striped whipsnake *Masticophis taeniatus***





**The striped  
whipsnake is  
gracile.**

**Alden is  
delighted,  
but David is  
dubious.**





# *Pituophis catenifer*, the Bullsnake





# The Bullsnake moving across hardpan





Tomi admiring  
and enjoying  
the *Pituophis*





**Aliina with a  
typically  
sedate  
*Pituophis***

