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*



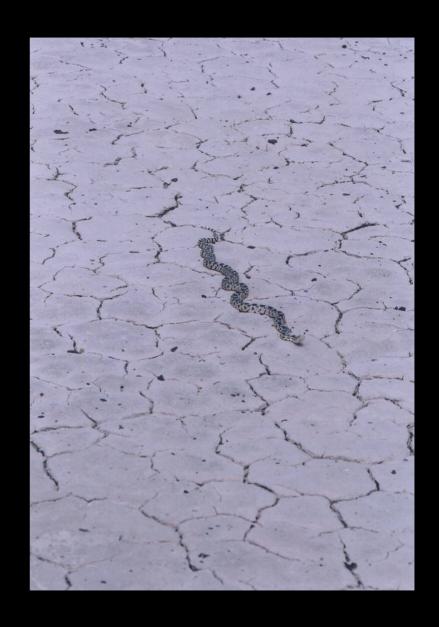
The striped whipsnake is gracile.

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 Pitupohis

