

THAMNOPHIS VALIDUS CELAENO (Cape Gartersnake, Mexican Pacific Lowlands Gartersnake). **DIET.** *Thamnophis validus celaeno* is the only subspecies of the Mexican Pacific Lowlands Garter Snake that occurs in Baja California, where apparently is confined to water systems in the Cape Region of the peninsula (Rossman et al. 1996. *The Garter Snakes: Evolution and Ecology*. Univ. Oklahoma Press, Norman. 332 pp.; Grismer 2002. *Amphibians and Reptiles of Baja California*. Univ. California Press, Berkeley. 399 pp.).

On the afternoon of 22 August 2005, we caught a female *T. v. celaeno* (CIBNOR 0697: 348 mm SVL, 105 mm TL; 21.9 g [without prey item]) in a concrete irrigation canal on Cañada de San Bernardo, Rancho Boca de la Sierra, Reserva de la Biosfera Sierra de la Laguna, Municipio de Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, México (23°23'05.3"N, 109°49'06.1"W). The snake had eaten a *Bufo punctatus* (Red-spotted Toad; CIBNOR 0698) rump first. The posterior part of the toad, including the hind limbs, had been digested. The prey remains measured 51 mm in length and weighed 6.1 g. A second snake from the same locality had eaten another adult *B. punctatus* rump first. These records confirm that *B. punctatus* is an important trophic resource for *T. v. celaeno* (Conant 1969. *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.* 142:1–140; de Queiroz et al. 2001. *Copeia* 2001:1034–1042). The snakes and their prey were deposited in the herpetological collection of the Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste (CIBNOR), La Paz, Baja California Sur, México.

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