

SCELOPORUS VARIABILIS VARIABILIS (Rose-Bellied Lizard). **CANNIBALISM**. In July 1990, we collected an adult male *Sceloporus variabilis variabilis* (MZFC 04829: 59.0 mm SVL 118 mm TL) 1 km NE of Huehuetla, Hidalgo, México. Its stomach contained a hymenopteran (Formicidae) and a hatchling *S. v. variabilis* (18.5 mm SVL, 48.6 mm TL). The head of the hatchling had been crushed, but its jawbone and body were intact, and its tail had been broken into five fragments. This record extends the number of species of *Sceloporus* exhibiting cannibalism to eight. Cannibalism has previously been documented in *S. graciosus* (Knowlton 1934. J. Econ. Ent. 27(5):1001), *S. occidentalis* (Johnson 1965. Herpetologica 21(2):115-116), *S. chrysostictus* (Smith and Fritts 1969. J. Herpetol. 3(3-4):182-183), *S. undulatus* (Groves 1971. J. Herpetol. 5(3-4):205), *S. woodi* (Bowie 1973. J. Herpetol. 7(3):318), *S. magister* (Tanner and Krogh 1973. Great Basin Nat. 33(3):133-146; Vitt and Ohmart 1974. Herpetologica 30(4):413), and *S. torquatus* (Staton and Conzelmann 1975. Southwest Nat. 20(1):147-148).

Smith and Fritts (1969. J. Herpetol.

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3(3-4):182-183) suggest that cannibalism of hatchlings can be accidental, but we believe that the present observation of hatchling ingestion in *S. v. variabilis* was deliberate. Two of us (FMQ, MMM) previously observed aggressive behavior from an adult male *S. grammicus* toward a conspecific hatchling. The adult caught the head of the hatchling and killed it but did not eat the smaller lizard. It is possible that cannibalism occurs more often in *Sceloporus* than has been recorded.

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