MICRURUS DISTANS (West Mexican Coral Snake). TREE CLIMBING. Snakes of the genus *Micrurus* are secretive and largely fossorial, and are often found under cover objects such as leaves, stones, and logs (Roze 1996. Coral Snakes of the Americas: Biology, Identification, and Venoms. Krieger Publ., Malabar, Florida). To our knowledge, there are no records of arboreality for this species. On 24 September 2001, at 1230 h, while conducting a survey on the herpetofauna of the Cuixmala-Chamela Biosphere Reserve on the coast of Jalisco, México, we observed a *M. distans* (790 mm TL) climbing a mature tree at ca. 4.5 m above the ground. The tree was part of a small patch of remnant dry forest immersed in a matrix of livestock grazing plots in different stages of regeneration. Air temperature was 29.1°C and humidity was 84.6%. Upon discovery the snake climbed down the tree and disappeared under the ground litter (specimen was photographed while climbing down). This observation suggests that this typically ground-dwelling species of coral snake may occasionally climb trees, perhaps to hunt prey not readily available on the ground. Two previous publications report the presence of *M. distans* in the area we describe herein but make no reference to arboreal habits (García and Ceballos 1994. Guía de Campo de los Reptiles y Anfibios de la Costa de Jalisco, Mexico, Fundación Ecologica de Cuxmala and IB UNAM, Mexico: 184 pp.; and Ramírez-Bautista 1994. Manual y Claves Ilustradas de los Anfibios y Reptiles de la Región de Chamela, Jalisco, México. Cuadernos IB UNAM [23]:1–127).

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