

***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***

