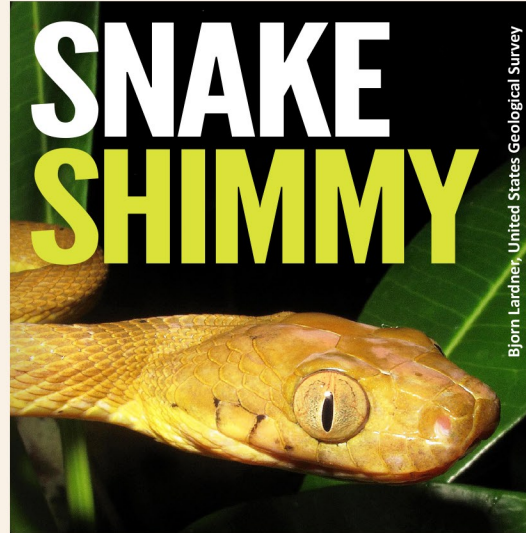


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ANIMAL NEWS



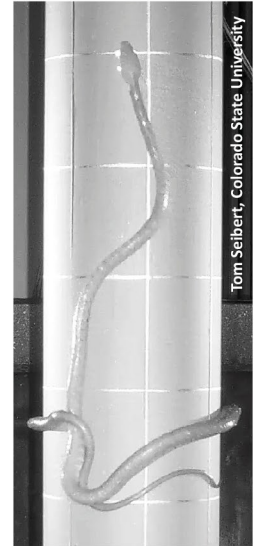
Bjorn Lardner, United States Geological Survey

SNAKE SHIMMY

SCIENTISTS have discovered that brown tree snakes in Guam have an unusual way of moving, which helps them to catch birds.

A team from Colorado State University and the University of Cincinnati found that the snakes use a move that's been named lasso locomotion, which allows them to move and shimmy up large cylinders, like drain pipes, trees and power poles. The lasso-like body position helps them get to places other snakes can't, which means they can find different prey, including endangered bird species. It is the first

time movement like this has been recorded in snakes.



Tom Seibert, Colorado State University

BITESIZE NEWS

RESEARCHERS have captured rare footage of a jaguar hunting another predatory cat.

The footage, taken from a camera trap in Guatemala, shows a male jaguar waiting at a waterhole to ambush its prey. He ignores a large tapir that passes, but soon after attacks and carries off an ocelot. The footage was shot during a particularly dry spell and scientists are looking into whether there is a link between predator-on-predator attacks and a shortage in water supplies. The full research has been published in the journal *Biotropica*.



Washington State University

Since brown tree snakes were accidentally introduced to the island of Guam in the late 1940s, the population of forest birds has dropped steadily. It is hoped that this discovery will help people find new ways to protect endangered birds from the snakes.

The full report is published in *Current Biology*.

ACROSS

- 1) A surprise attack, by lying in wait in a concealed position (noun 6)
- 6) Preying naturally on others (adjective 9)
- 8) Scarcity; a state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts (noun 8)

DOWN

- 2) To glide, or move with a swaying motion (verb 6)
- 3) At risk of dying out (adjective 10)
- 4) Study; investigation (noun 8)
- 5) A length of rope with a noose at one end used by cowboys to catch cattle and horses (noun 5)
- 7) An animal that is hunted and killed by another for food (noun 4)

