



## *Eunectes murinus* (Linnaeus) (Serpentes, Boidae), preying activity

LÍLIAN CRISTINA MACEDO-BERNARDE

Laboratório de Ecologia Animal, Faculdade de Ciências Biomédicas de Cacoal - FACIMED, Av. Cuiabá No. 3.087, Jardim Clodoaldo, Cacoal – RO, Brasil. CEP 78.976-005. E-mail liabernarde@hotmail.com



*Eunectes murinus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Figure 1 a,b) is a aquatic, nocturnal and euryphagic snake species, feeding on several vertebrates types (fishes, frogs, turtles, lizards, snakes, caimans, birds and mammals) (Strimble 1993, Martins & Oliveira 1998). On 03 May 2006 at 13:00 h it was observed a large adult specimen of *E. murinus* (over 4000 mm length) in the process of constriction killing a domestic pig (*Sus scropha* Linnaeus, 1758) in the edge of Mequéns river, municipality of Alto Alegre do Parecis (12°51'03 " S; 61°54'56 " W), Rondônia States, Brazil. Picture Characteristics: Digital Machine Canon PowerShot A610; Resolution of 5 megapixels (96 dpi); automatic; Speed ISO-50.

### References

- Martins, M. & Oliveira, M. E. 1998. Natural history of snakes in forests of the Manaus region, Central Amazonia, Brazil. **Herpetological Natural History**, 6:78-150.
- Strimble, P. 1993. Overview of the natural history of the green anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*). **Herpetological Natural History**, 1:25-35.

This picture may be used for academic or personal purposes but always accompanied by the author's information (copyright). To obtain permission for commercial use or for any other non-personal, non-academic use, or to inquire about reprints, fees, and licensing, please contact the author via e-mail.