

UROTHECA EURYZONA (Halloween Snake). REPRODUCTION.

Urotheca euryzona is an uncommon fossorial coral snake mimic distributed within humid forests of lowland and premontane Latin America, from northern Nicaragua south to Ecuador. On 10 March 2011, at 2345 h, we collected a gravid female *U. euryzona* (SVL = 414 mm; tail length = 222 mm, 22.2 g) moving on the ground in a section of *Manicaria* swamp forest at Caño Palma Biological Station, 8 km N of Tortuguero National Park, Limón Province, Costa Rica. One day later the snake died and was dissected, revealing five eggs. The eggs averaged 20.82 mm in length, 9.18 mm in width, and 1.10 g in mass. *Urotheca euryzona* was previously presumed to be oviparous based on the knowledge of oviparity in *U. elapoides* (Greene 1969. J. Herpetol. 3:27–31). Thus, this represents the first published account of oviparity and clutch size for *U. euryzona*. We deposited the specimen along with the eggs in the herpetological collections of the Universidad de Costa Rica. We thank the Ministerio del Ambiente y Energía Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación for granting us research permits.

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