

PSEUSTES SULPHUREUS (Amazon Puffing Snake). **DIET.**

Forest dwelling snakes are poorly studied because they are difficult to find and catch. Here we report an event of *Pseustes sulphureus* feeding on a little tinamous (*Cryptorellus soui*; Tinamidae) in the Ecuadorian rainforest.

A specimen of *P. sulphureus* was caught on 24 April 2000 at 0930 h at the Tiputini Biodiversity Station (Tiputini River, Amazon Basin), Ecuador. The snake was discovered basking in a tree 1.5 m above ground, in a patch of sunlight that penetrated to the understory. The individual measured 249.5 cm in total length, 211 cm in snout-vent length, and weighed 345 g. After 24 h of captivity in a cloth bag it defecated the remains of a bird that was identified as a *C. soui*. This bird is a fairly common ground-dwelling species with an average mass of 188 g.

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