

Univ. Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

June 26, 1961

Res. 610619-1. First mouse, fed to Crotalus.

June 28, 1961

Res. 610619-1. Second mouse fed to Crotalus. Snake immed.ately reacted when mouse was placed on top of cage. When laboratory mouse (*Mus musculus*) was placed ^{in cage} (aquarium with glass top) the snake immediately struck, ^{almost} before mouse alighted on bottom of cage. The right back leg become paralyzed in about 2 seconds. Mouse remain stationary and quite. Snake started to eat mouse 2 minutes after it struck. Inspected mouse at head & rear area twice, once lifting fur at back of mouse, and then returned to head and started to consume animal. Four and 1/2 min. after mouse was struck, the snake had the mouse in mouth & throat with only back feet protruding. Snake started eating when mouse still alive. At 5 min 25 sec (from first strike) end of tail disappeared. Six min & 40 sec. first yawn. 12 min. second yawn and mouth wide open ~~from~~ with fully extended teeth. 15 min and 10 sec. 3rd yawn with fully extended teeth and now coiled.

July 4, 1961

Miss Debbie Skie collected an immature night hawk 610704-1 from gravel roof of Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. in Lawrence. It measured 62 mm. total length, wt. 7 gms. Preserved.

July 9, 1961

Res. 610619-1. Crotalus produced 2 piles of feces (hair) representing the two mice fed June 26 and 28.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

July 22, 1961

Observed a red squirrel, *Sciurus niger*, deliberately jump from the top of a garage to the ground. The height of the garage from ground was 9 feet.