

TRIMORPHODON VILKINSONII (Chihuahuan Lyre Snake).

ARBOREAL BEHAVIOR. *Trimorphodon vilkinsonii* is a secretive snake that ranges throughout the central and western regions of the Chihuahuan Desert. This species has primarily been encountered in rock piles, rock outcroppings, and talus slopes (Werler and Dixon 2000. Texas Snakes: Identification, Distribution, and Natural History. University of Texas Press). *Trimorphodon biscutatus* is known to be arboreal (Scott and McDiarmid 1984. Cat. Amer. Amph. Rep. 353.1–353.4), as is *T. lambda* (Lowe 1964. The Vertebrates of Arizona. University of Arizona Press, Tucson); however, arboreality has yet to be noted in *T. vilkinsonii*. Here we report on two separate instances of arboreality in this species.

We found a female *T. vilkinsonii* (TNHC 66487; 591 mm SVL, 115 mm TL, 37.4 g) on 5 May 2007 at 2143 h in Cottonwood Canyon of the Sierra Vieja, Presidio County, Texas (30.54739°N, 104.67831°W, 1483 m elev.). This snake was climbing one of the main trunks of a large Gray Oak (*Quercus grisea*) and was 3.35 m above the ground. The cluster of oaks was located where the canyon bottom and rocky talus slope meet. A second female *T. vilkinsonii* (TNHC 66513; 715 mm SVL, 131 mm TL, 88 g) was found on 29 June 2007 at 2230 h in Box Canyon, a drainage on the eastern side of the Sierra Vieja, Presidio County, Texas (30.55059°N, 104.65919°W, 1378 m elev.). The female was found crawling among the outer branches of a Catclaw Acacia (*Acacia gregii*) approximately 1 m above the ground and 2 m from the dry wash.

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