

and found ovarian follicles in two individuals (7 and 8, and 7 and 7 in left and right ovaries, respectively). The third female had 7 oviducal eggs.

Mean SVL of hatchlings comprised only 37% of the mean TBL. Since tail autonomy often is used as a defensive mechanism in *Ophisaurus*, it is not surprising that tails are well developed, even at this early stage in their ontogeny. Incubation period in this clutch is in conflict with that reported by Ashton and Ashton (1985) for *O. ventralis* in Florida. Thus, we feel our observations suggest the need for additional studies to examine field incubation periods of this species in Florida.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Florida Scrub Jay Statewide Mapping Project.—A year-long statewide mapping project of the Florida Scrub Jay, sponsored by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is currently underway. This project, undertaken by researchers at Archbold Biological Station, hopes to locate and map every Scrub Jay existing in the state, and to assess its habitat size and quality. All FOS members aware of Florida Scrub Jays are urged to report the locations to personnel at the Archbold Biological Station, P.O. Box 2057, Lake Placid, Florida 33852.