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Boa Constrictor

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An interesting feature relates to why the snake was detected in the first place. It was a direct result of USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services personnel tracking a radio-collared Mongoose (Herpestes auropunctatus) as part of a rabies study. The collar was broadcasting a mortality signal that was tracked to the fairly large gravid female B. constrictor, which was captured, sacrificed, and later underwent a necropsy that revealed a fully digested mongoose and its functional intact radio collar.