

README:

Data Summary

DATA TITLE: A decade of field physiology in Eagle Lake garter snakes

PROJECT TITLE: Over a decade of field physiology reveals life-history specific strategies to drought in garter snakes (*Thamnophis elegans*)

DATA ABSTRACT: These data include information on natural populations of western terrestrial garter snakes (*Thamnophis elegans*) with naturally occurring variation in life-history strategies. Data were collected over a 14-year period and include biomarkers of stress physiology. Specifically, there are both baseline and stress-induced maximal measures of plasma corticosterone, blood glucose, and immune cell distribution (heterophil-to-lymphocyte ratios).

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COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Time period: Data collected between 2006 and 2019, uploaded to repository in October of 2021

Location: Eagle Lake vicinity, Lassen County, California, USA

FILE DIRECTORY

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Eagle Lake Physiology
|-> README.pdf
|-> DataCodebook.xlsx
|-> ELPhysData.csv
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FILE LIST

- `README.pdf` : README file
- `DataCodebook.xlsx` : Codebook containing explanation of variables found in data file
- `ELPhysData.csv` : Comma-separated file containing information on experimental animals and physiological measures

METHODS AND MATERIALS

DATA COLLECTION METHODS

These data were collected from natural populations of western terrestrial garter snakes (*Thamnophis elegans*). Blood samples were collected at time of capture and following a 3hr capture-restraint protocol (stress-induced). Samples were analyzed for circulating plasma corticosterone, blood glucose, and heterophil-to-lymphocyte ratios. All data were collected under Iowa State University IACUC protocol 3-2-5125-J under Dr. Anne Bronikowski.

SOFTWARE

Name: R

Version: Macintosh 4.0.2

URL: <https://www.r-project.org/>

Developer: The R Foundation for Statistical Computing

Name: SAS

Version: 9.4

URL: https://www.sas.com/en_us/home.html

Developer: Analytics Software & Solutions

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