

**VARANUS ALBIGULARIS MICROSTICTUS (Black-throated Monitor). ELEVATION RECORD.** *Varanus albigularis microstictus* is a large, mainly terrestrial lizard that occurs across much of eastern Africa, including southern Sudan and Ethiopia south to Zimbabwe and Mozambique (Bennett 1998. Monitor Lizards: Natural History, Biology, Husbandry. Edition Chimaira, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. 352 pp.), and has been reported to occur from sea level to ca. 1500 m elev. (Spawls et al. 2018. Field Guide to East African Reptiles, 2nd ed. Bloomsbury Publishing, London, UK. 624 pp.). Here, we report an elevational extension of *V. a. microstictus* from Kenya.

On 27 March 2024 at ca. 1330 h, we observed an adult *V. a. microstictus* climbing ca. 3 m high in a thick Whistling thorn (*Vachellia drepanolobium*) bush, as it approached a bird's nest in



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FIG. 1. An adult *Varanus albigularis microstictus* from Kenya climbing a tree trying to get to the bird nest.

Kiserian, Kenya (1.5557°N, 36.6694°E; WGS 84; 1915 m elev.). The elevation of this observation is ca. 415 m higher than the previously reported 1500 m elev. of *V. a. microstictus* reported in Kenya.

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