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The *Varanus p. panoptes* depicted on the cover and inset of this issue was photographed in Townsville, Queensland on March 2008 by **David Lynam** lynam_fam@optusnet.com.au. The monitor was first seen around 0800 h on a sand ridge just above a swamp area, standing on its hind legs while looking into the lower branches of a tree. The monitor maintained a bipedal stance for ca. 2 minutes before it casually walked off. The temperature at the time of the observation was ca. 27 C.



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