## MICHIGAN BLUE RACERS May 6, 2011

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Sorry folks, these are not the best composed photos, etc., but then I had to move fast and was intruding on a very personal time for these Blue Racers (Coluber constrictor foxi) that grow up to six feet in length. They are not poisonous, but like their name suggests are constrictors. They can (and do) really bite and I have scars on my arms from bites as a kid. I was trained in herpetology early on.

These are very shy critters but I know where to find them and this mating pair was quite wonderful to watch.

The second shot reminds me of the movie "Jurassic Park" and the scene of the two velociraptors, where you were looking at one and a second one was stalking you. Do you see the second one looking at you?







