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**Predation by a Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) on a Greater Siren (*Siren lacertina*)**

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Although wading birds are likely predators of greater sirens, (Petranka, 1998), few records specific to greater siren depredations are reported in the literature. On 21 April 2006, a green heron was observed perched on top of a hoop net that was set in a small open area in Dry Bay, a 5-ha fishless Carolina bay located on the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site in Aiken County, South Carolina, USA. The heron remained on top of the hoop net until approached and then flew off to a nearby tree. A heron, presumed to be the same one, had been observed on numerous occasions since the beginning of April 2007 at Dry Bay, but was never out in the open and never allowed me to get as close to it as it had on this occasion. When the hoop net was lifted out of the water, a dead male *S. lacertina* was found inside. The cause of death was determined to be a puncture wound located 65 mm anterior to the vent. The punc-

ture was located on the right aspect of the dorsum and directed through to the left side, although there was no apparent exit wound. The siren was returned to the laboratory and frozen to await being preserved. After the siren was preserved, it was measured to be about 511 mm in total length with a snout-vent length of 341 mm. Great blue herons are frequently seen at this fishless wetland and are also likely predators.

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