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In the famous island of Aruba in the Caribbean, there are 12 species of lizards (Buurt, 2001), but no doubt *Cnemidophorus arubensis*, van Lidth of Jeude, 1887, in English whiptail lizard or Aruba blue lizard, or Codoto as it is known locally, is an animal that stands out both because it is endemic, as for its beauty. Males are a strong blue with white balls throughout the body, which makes them spectacular.

We have been visited Aruba for recreation and for observation of fauna, especially birds (Birding), which produced a list of its rich avifauna (SANTOS, 2014). But always called our attention the beautiful *Cnemidophorus arubensis*. Which we took many pictures when we see it.

On November 18, 2014, we observed and recorded by photos (below) and video (YOUTUBE) a couple of blue lizard eating a cactus flower in the desert region of Arashi, west point of the island.

We were fortunate to be able to get very close because we were passing by car near a cactus when we saw the scene. We stopped and inside the car, less than 2 meters away, we could make the record without interfering of them. If we were walking we would not have made the record, because these animals are timid in the remote region of the island.

It is known that the lizards are omnivorous and herbivorous and *Cnemidophorus arubensis* is predominantly herbivorous (SCHALL; RESSEL, 2001). But the natural observation and recording of their feeding is always difficult and unusual.

So, we decided to publish this simple note for the record the fact that can help in ecological study of this endemic lizard of Aruba, the beautiful Caribbean island.



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male



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male



female



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