

# The Natural History of H. Simus in Florida

January February March April

May

June

July

August

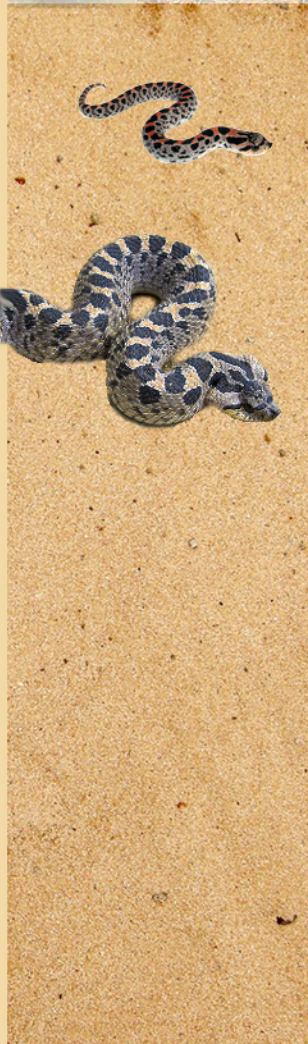
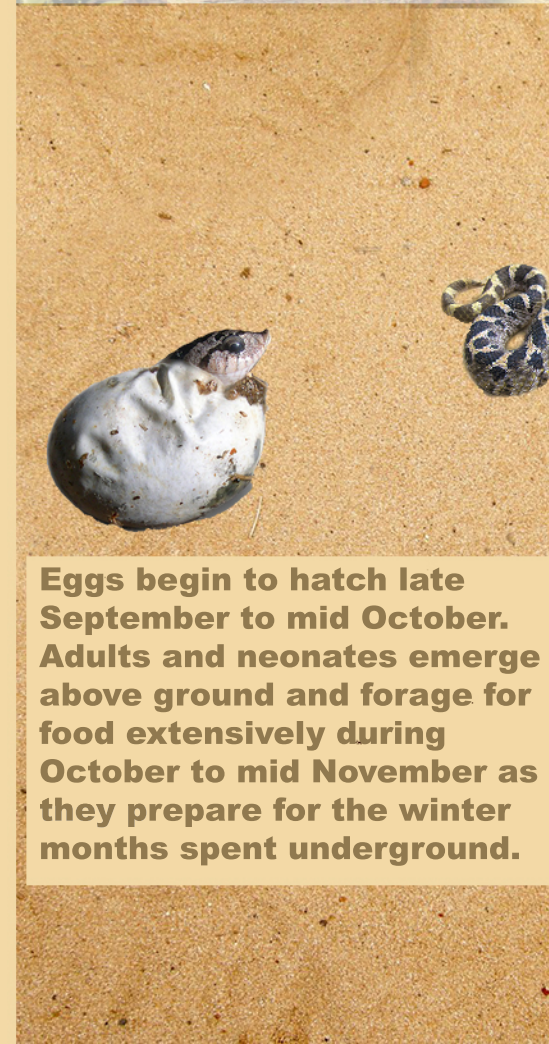
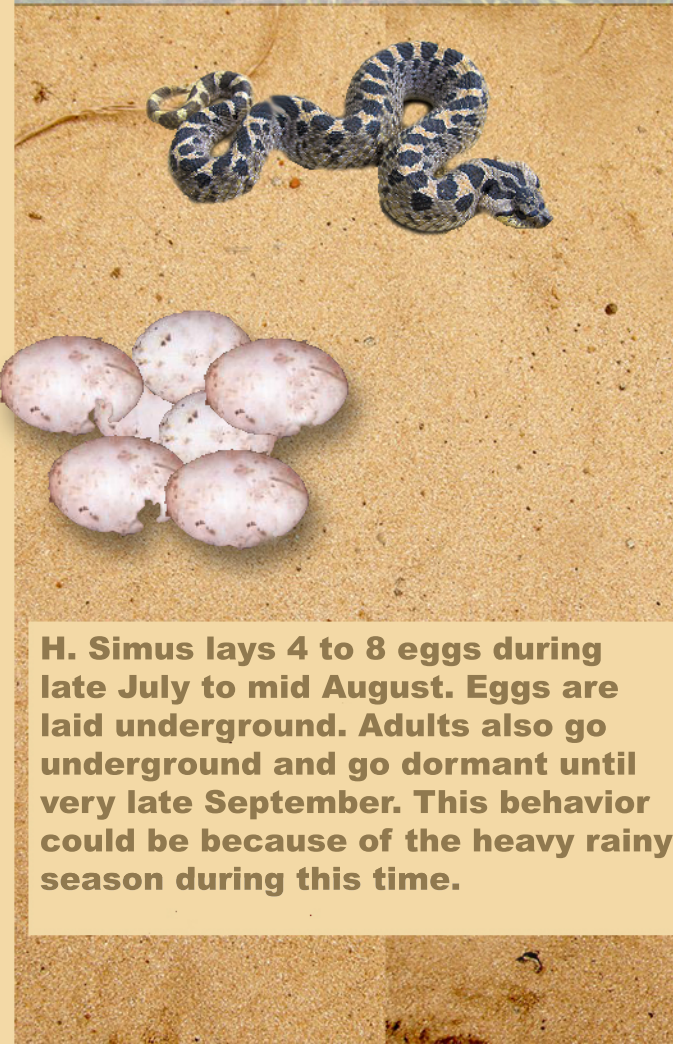
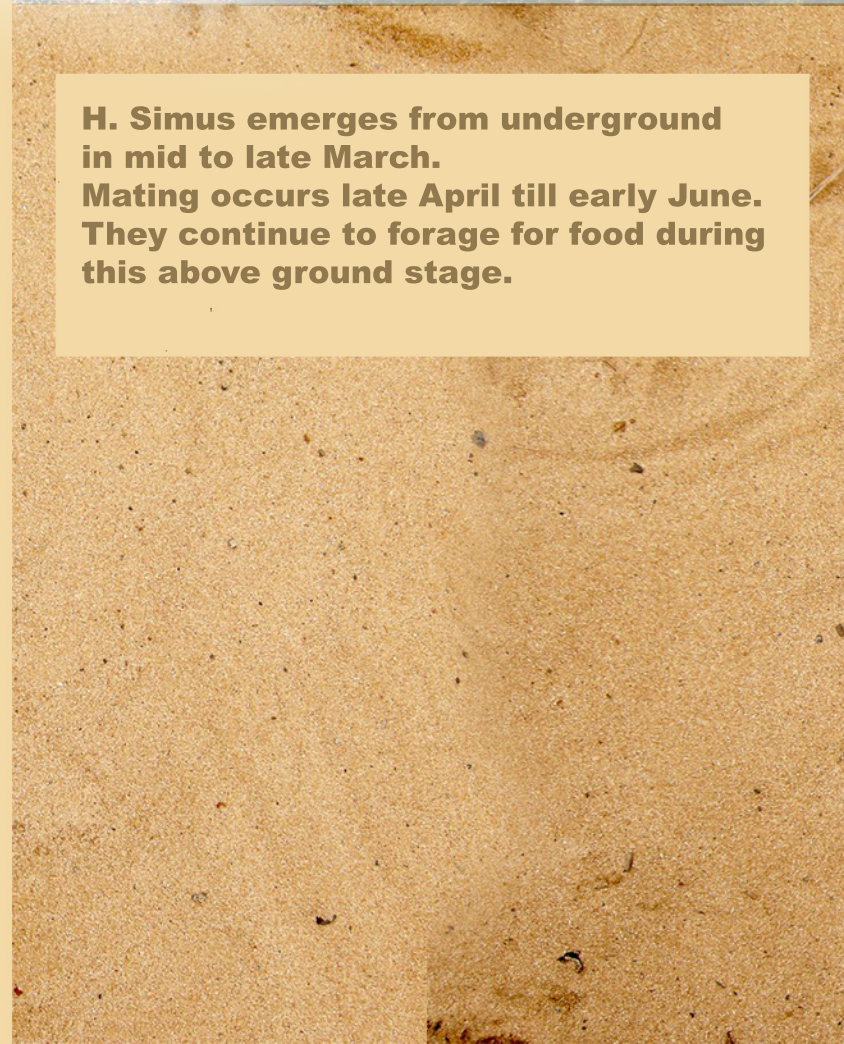
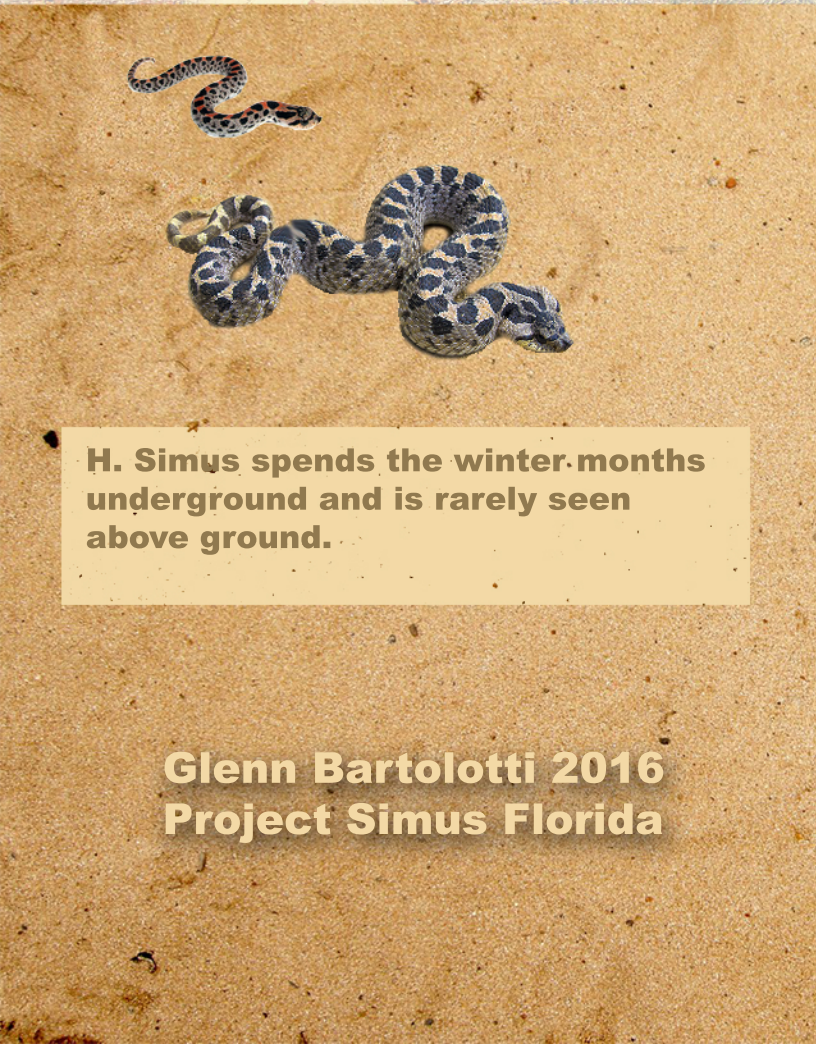
September

October

November December



## Life Under the Sand



H. Simus spends the winter months underground and is rarely seen above ground.

H. Simus emerges from underground in mid to late March. Mating occurs late April till early June. They continue to forage for food during this above ground stage.

H. Simus lays 4 to 8 eggs during late July to mid August. Eggs are laid underground. Adults also go underground and go dormant until very late September. This behavior could be because of the heavy rainy season during this time.

Eggs begin to hatch late September to mid October. Adults and neonates emerge above ground and forage for food extensively during October to mid November as they prepare for the winter months spent underground.

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