

### *Calotes rouxi* feeding on *Philautus luteolus*

Reptiles are the major predators of amphibians. Here is an illustration of a forest calotes (*Calotes rouxi*) feeding on the *Philautus luteolus*. In an areca garden near Sapurthi of Aghanashini River basin, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2006, a calotes was seen running with a shrub frog (*Philautus luteolus*) in its mouth. After a few minutes of standstill, calotes engulfed the entire frog and climbed nearly 6 meters above ground, which I could not follow later. *Philautus luteolus* is an endemic, arboreal frog in the Western Ghats, found generally in the shrubs along the roadsides. They make characteristic loud calls during monsoon that sounds like tink-tink-tink-tink. *Calotes rouxi* is an endemic and arboreal lizard, found widely distributed in the Western Ghats.



**Photographs and Text**

**Gururaja K V**

Energy and Wetlands Research Group,  
Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore – 560 012.

[gururaj@ces.iisc.ernet.in](mailto:gururaj@ces.iisc.ernet.in)