MDC On-line Field Guide: mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature-/ January **Eastern Collared Lizard** field-guide/eastern-collared-lizard Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common collared Crotaphytus collaris lizard Animalia > Chordata > Vertebrata > Reptilia > Squamata > Crotaphytidae spots on the back, black/tan/ black collar on neck, pale below, yellow throats on males, orange spots on females February with bands of white or yellow tan to blue-green body color Roadrunners are a species of bird that chases their prey to catch it. They live in the southwest U.S. and drier parts of Missouri and Arkansas. Coloring Guide March tail included, males a bit larger. fully grown at 3 years, females adults: 30 cm (12") long, with able to mate after a year Eastern Collared Lizards will run on two legs (like T. rex) when they are being chased by predators. In this May case the predator is a Roadrunner. Their habitat in Missouri is threatened by cedars invading June glades. Recovery efforts use fire to restore glades, so their populations are recovering. July August What eats Eastern Collared Lizards: racers, kingsnakes, hawks, roadrunners (in SW MO), adult eastern collared lizards will eat young September eastern collared lizards October Habitat (home/food/water) Home lizards and mammals, November North American Distribution Missouri Distribution beetles, moths, spiders, small glades, sw or s-facing Lizards eat: grasshoppers, small amounts of fruit and slopes, dry, rocky areas What Eastern Collared under rocks and crevices, burrows in winter December vegetables active at temperatures winter between 27°C (80°F) and summer 43°C (110°F)