

## **Gelege einer Ringelnatter (*Natrix n. natrix*) in Muschelkalk**

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### **Grass snake (*Natrix n. natrix*) egg clutch in shellbearing limestone (Muschelkalk)**

A clutch of grass snake eggs that had hatched successfully were found on a semi-vegetated scree of shellbearing limestone. The egg shells were found beneath stones on the steep dry south facing slope. The nearest body of water is a spring 360 m away from the egg-laying site and an altitude of 60 m below it. The nearest water meadow, of the Gleise stream, a tributary of the river Saale is 1,2 km away and approximately 100 m below the location.

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