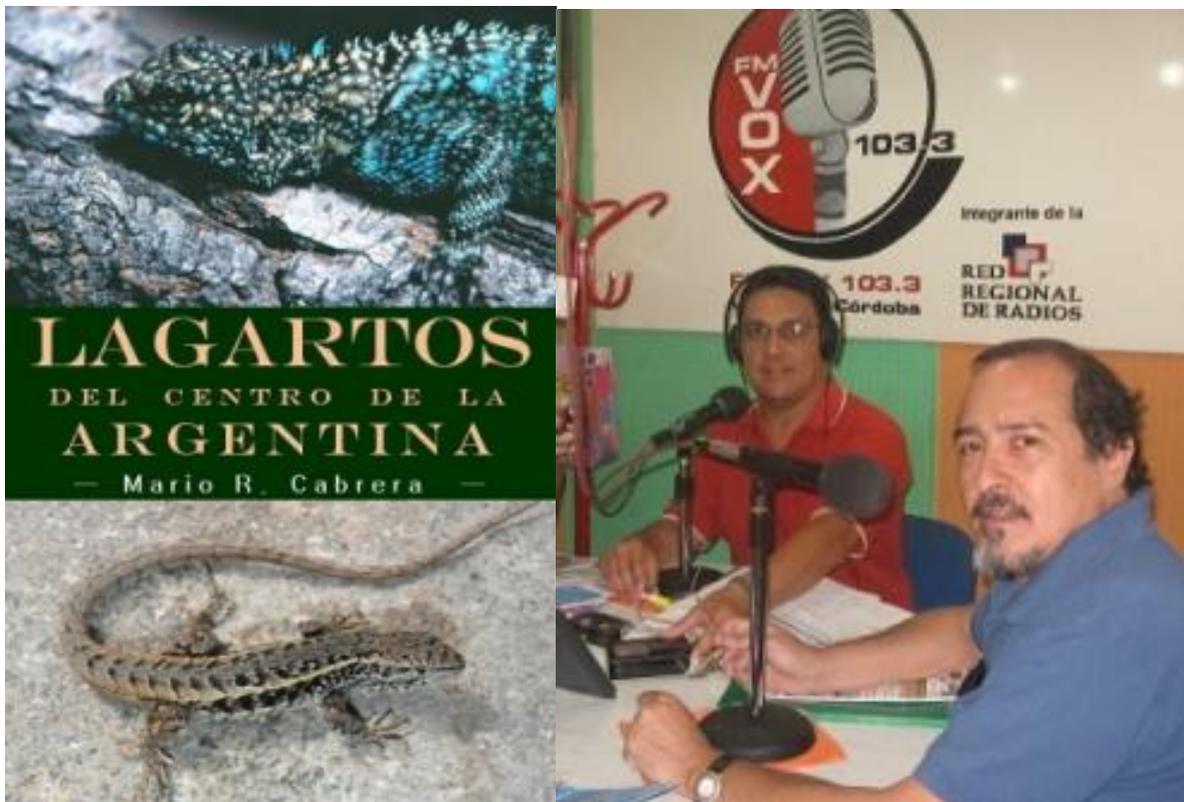


Project Update: March 2009

The inventory of lizards and amphibians of central Argentina was completed and an illustrated field guide to identify these species is now at the printer. It is scheduled to be published mid-April.

The other aspect of the project covers ethnological studies. Our team has undertaken surveys of resident people in selected localities, asking them about the reptiles in their area and, if applicable, what use, be it medicinal, nutritional, magical or commercial, they or other local people make of lizards and snakes. We also asked people about common names applied to reptiles, and about beliefs influenced by the knowledge conveyed by their elders. Media were also involved in communicating the purposes of our research and the benefits of nature conservation. The surveys will take around six months to complete and statistically analysed.



Left: Field guide cover. Right: Mario giving project details on the air.



Leila and Romina undertaking surveys