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**Fight light.** Forget body mass and big muscles. When male Augrabies flat lizards (*Platysaurus broadleyi*) size each other up for a brawl, they look at the ultraviolet (UV) color of their opponent's throat, according to a study published online 3 January in *Biology Letters*. Researchers found that when they blocked this UV patch with sunscreen, lizards were much more likely to be challenged by their foes. The results suggest that such coloration can help males maintain dominance--as long as they avoid the SPF 50. (Photo: Martin Whiting)