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**ON POSSIBLE ESTIVATION
OF *PHRYNOCEPHALUS HELIOSCOPUS* (PALLAS, 1771)
AND *EREMIAS ARGUTA* (PALLAS, 1773) IN THE ALTAI REGION**

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Summer counts of *Phrynocephalus helioscopus* (Pallas, 1771) and *Eremias arguta* (Pallas, 1773) were conducted in the Altai Region during April – September, 2016. A sharp decline in the activity of lizards in June and July was noted, due to the high temperatures and dry weather. As a result of excavation of some burrows, lizards in a non-active state were found. The possibility of summer hibernation (estivation) of the species is considered.

Key words: *Eremias arguta*, *Phrynocephalus helioscopus*, counts, estivation, Altai Region.

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