

**MICRURUS TENER** (Texas Coralsnake). MÉXICO: HIDALGO: Municipality of Metztlán, San Pablo Tetlapayac, Reserva de la Biosfera Barranca de Metztlán (20.38311°N, 98.55400°W; WGS84), 993 m elev. 23 March 2007. V. D. Vite-Silva and U. Hernández-Salina. Verified by Adrian Leyte-Manrique. Herpetology collection, Laboratorio Ecología de Poblaciones, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo (VDVS-UAEH-0042). First record for the municipality and a range extension of 51 km S of record in the Municipality of Tlanchinol (Mendoza-Quijano et al. 2006. *Publicación Especial de la Sociedad Herpetológica Mexicana* [3]:99–109). The snake was found in tropical dry forest. Fieldwork was funded by SEP-PROMEP-1103.5/03/1130, Projects PIFI-PROMEP 3.3. 2007, CONACYT-S 52552-Q, and CONACYT-43761.

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**NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER** (Plain-bellied Watersnake). USA: ILLINOIS: HENDERSON CO.: Snake was captured as it basked on riprap stone embankment alongside lake at Crystal Lake Gun Club, Gulfport, Illinois (40.83540°N, 091.06121°W). 08 June 2007. James T. Lamer and Sean E. Jenkins. Illinois Natural History Survey in Champaign/Urbana, Illinois (INHS 20745). Verified by Chris Phillips. First county record (Phillips et al. 1999. *Field Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles of Illinois*. Illinois Nat. Hist. Surv. Manual 8, Champaign, Illinois. xii + 282 pp.)

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**NERODIA ERYTHROGASTER ERYTHROGASTER** (Red-bellied Watersnake). USA: VIRGINIA: HENRICO CO.: 11.4 km ESE Sandston, Whiteoak Swamp Creek (37.4683333°N, 77.2086111°W). 10 August 2004. H. Lacy. Verified by William M. Palmer. North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences (NCSM 73872). New county record. Extends range ca. 59 km NNE and ca. 68 km WNW of nearest records in Sussex and York counties, respectively (Mitchell 1994. *The Reptiles of Virginia*. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, DC. xv + 352 pp.).

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**OPHEODRYS VERNALIS** (Smooth Greensnake). USA: ILLINOIS: DEKALB CO.: Kishwaukee River State Fish and Wildlife Area in Kirkland (42.09431°N, 88.86872°W). A live female individual (SVL 217 mm) was captured under cover boards on 20 April 2007. The individual was photographed and released as part

of an ongoing herpetological survey within the park (verified and vouchered via photograph by Chris Phillips at the Illinois Natural History Survey, voucher number: INHS 2008-3). This is the second verified sighting of this species within this county, the first sighting was published as a county record (Walley 1977. *Herpetol. Rev.* 8:125). Walley's sighting occurred in the southern portion of the county, and this latest record documents that this species persists in the far northern portion of the county and potentially county-wide. This capture extends the known range of this species 53.7 km NW, and is 123 km NW from the only viable population of this species in northern Illinois known to us.

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**OXYRHOPUS GUIBEI**. BRAZIL: RIO DE JANEIRO: Municipality of Resende: Serrinha do Alambari (22.3833333°S, 44.5333333°W, ca. 700 m elev.). 02 September 2005. U. Caramaschi and H. Niemeyer. Museu Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil (MNRJ 13737, 13738). Resende: District of Visconde de Mauá (22.3333333°S, 44.5333333°W, ca. 1000 m elev.). 02 January 2006. M. A. S. Alves. Museu Nacional (MNRJ 14627). Municipality of Barra Mansa (22.55°S, 44.1666667°W, ca. 450 elev.). 14 March 2006. A. Chiessi. Museu Nacional (MNRJ 15603). All localities in the Atlantic Forest biome. Verified by R. Fernandes. Species was previously known from Brazilian states of Minas Gerais, São Paulo, Goiás, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Paraná, Bahia, and Alagoas, and the Distrito Federal; Bolivia, Paraguay, and northeastern Argentina (Argôlo 2004. *As Serpentes dos Cacaiais do Sudeste da Bahia*. Editora da UESC, Ilhéus, 259 pp.; França and Araújo 2006. *S. Amer. J. Herpetol.* 1[1]:25–36; Freire 1999. *Herpetol. Rev.* 30:55; Zaher and Caramaschi 1992. *Bull. Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat.* 14[3–4]:805–827). First state records, the record from Barra Mansa extends known distribution ca. 230 km NE from the closest previous record (Municipality of Guarulhos, São Paulo; Zaher and Caramaschi, *op. cit.*) and ca. 320 km S from the closest record in Minas Gerais (Municipality of Lagoa Santa; Zaher and Caramaschi, *op. cit.*).

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**OXYRHOPUS RHOMBIFER BACHMANNI** (False Coralsnake). ARGENTINA: CHUBUT: TELSEN DEPARTMENT: Estancia Maria de las Nieves, 15–20 km NW Sierra Chata (42.53124°S, 65.6369°W; WGS84) by Ruta Provincial 4. September 2007. V. Marquez and H. Vallejos. Verified by C. H. F. Perez. Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales Bernardino Rivadavia, Buenos Aires, Argentina (MACN 39042). First province record, southernmost record for the species in Argentina, extends the known distribution 600 km (airline) S from previous and southernmost vouchered citation (Avila and Morando 1999. *Herpetol. Rev.* 30:114). Previous records in Argentina are for Catamarca, Córdoba, La Pampa, La Rioja, Mendoza, Río Negro, San Juan, San Luis, Santiago del Estero, and Tucumán (Giraud and Scrocchi 2002. *Smithson. Herpetol. Infor. Serv.* 132:1–53).

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**PHILODRYAS PATAGONIENSIS**. BRAZIL: RIO GRANDE DO NORTE: Municipality of Parnamirim, Mata do Jiqui (05.9166667°S, 35.1833333°W). 31 January 2007. P. A. G. Sousa. Verified by M. T. U. Rodrigues. Coleção Herpetológica do Departamento de Botânica, Ecologia e Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Natal. Rio Grande do Norte (CHBEZ 1609); Municipality of Natal, unknown collector (05.8°S, 35.15°W; CHBEZ 1400). This species presents a wide distribution from southern Argentina through Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia to central Brazil in Brasília, Amazonian savannahs in the Pará State and all coastal regions of the state of Bahia (Laurent 1973. *Acta Zool. Lilloana* 26[20]:291–298; Thomas 1976. Ph.D. Thesis. Texas A&M University; Di-Bernardo et al. 2007. *In* Nascimento and Oliveira [organizers], *Herpetologia no Brasil II*, pp. 222–263. Sociedade Brasileira de Herpetologia; Marques and Sazima 2004. *In* Marques and Duleba [organizers], *Estação Ecológica Juréia-Itatins: Ambiente Físico, Flora e Fauna*, pp. 257–277. Ribeirão Preto: Holos Editora-FAPESP; Nogueira 2001. *Herpetol. Rev.* 32:285–287; Giraud and Scrocchi 2002. *Smithson. Herpetol. Infor. Serv.* 132, 53 pp.; França et al. 2006. *Occas. Pap. Oklahoma Mus. Nat. Hist.* 17:1–13; Freitas 1999. *Serpentes da Bahia e do Brasil – Suas Características e Hábitos*. Ed. Dall. 77 pp.). First state record extends range ca. 700 km N from the limit of coastal region of Bahia.

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**PHYLLORHYNCHUS BROWNI** (Saddled Leaf-nosed Snake). USA: ARIZONA: PINAL CO.: East side of Goldmine Mountains (33.191596°N, 111.616985°W) 461 m elev. 17 May 2004. Justin P. Pullins and Tanzy D. Pullins. University of Arizona Museum (photo voucher; UAZ 56666-PSV). Verified by George Bradley. This record fills a gap in the known distribution of this species. Specimen found ca. 28 km NW of a series of specimens collected near Florence, Arizona and ca. 90 km ENE of the nearest specimen (ASU 33136) to the west (A. T. Holycross, pers. comm; Brennan and Holycross 2006. *A Field Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles in Arizona*. Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona. 150 pp.).

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**SISTRURUS MILIARIUS STRECKERI** (Western Pigmy Rattlesnake). USA: ARKANSAS: SEARCY CO.: Off AR 14, ca. 2 km down Ramblewood Trail by private residence. 21 June 2007. J. S. Hicks, M. B. Connior. Verified by S. E. Trauth. Arkansas State University Museum of Zoology Herpetology Collection (ASUMZ 30742). First county record (Trauth et al. 2004. *The Amphibians*

and Reptiles of Arkansas. University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville. 421 pp.).

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**STORERIA DEKAYI** (DeKay's Brown Snake). USA: OHIO: BROWN CO.: Pleasant Township: White Oak Creek at Old State Route 125 bridge, 1.0 km W of Georgetown (38.86546°N, 83.86546°W). 14 June 2007. Jeffrey G. Davis, John W. Ferner, and Paul J. Krusling. Verified by Jason Folt. Voucher specimen deposited at Cincinnati Museum Center, Ferderick and Amye Geier Research and Collections Center (CMC 10919), New county record (Wynn and Moody 2006. *Ohio Turtle, Lizard, and Snake Atlas*. *Ohio Biol. Surv. Misc. Contr. No.* 10).

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**THAMNOPHIS EQUES** (Mexican Gartersnake). USA: ARIZONA: GILA CO.: Tonto Creek, between Gisela and Punkin Center. On 23 August 1995 at 2200 h, we found a *Thamnophis eques* (UAZ 50327) dead on State Route 188, ca. 3 km N of Punkin Center at 720 m elev. The specimen measured 310 mm SVL and 91 mm tail. This specimen is the first record of *T. eques* from the Tonto Creek watershed, and fills a substantial gap in the distribution of the species in the Gila River watershed between voucher specimens from Maricopa and Yavapai counties ca. 80 airline km to the west and records from the Black River and its tributaries ca. 110 airline km to the east.

On 14 July 2004, 18–19 August 2004, and 20–24 June 2005 we spent 165 person-hours searching along the banks of Tonto Creek between Gisela and “The Box” (ca. 3 km of stream at 870 m elev.); a location approximately 26 river km upstream of the collection locality of UAZ 50327 (Holycross et al. 2006. *Surveys for Thamnophis eques and Thamnophis rufipunctatus* in the Gila Watershed of Arizona and New Mexico. Report to Arizona Game and Fish Department. 105 pp.). We also deployed 32 Gee's “minnow traps” along the banks on 18–19 August 2004 (704 trap-hours) and 210 traps from 20–24 June 2005 (19,740 trap-hours). One adult female *T. eques* (ASU 34844) was trapped. From 20–23 June 2005 we captured 14 neonates (163–216 mm SVL, mean = 184; 2.5–6.0 g, mean = 3.8) and one adult female (820 mm SVL, 170 g) by hand. A second adult female (650 mm SVL, 135 g) was trapped twice.

Non-native predators (Bullfrogs, *Lithobates catesbeianus*; crayfish, *Orconectes virilis*; catfish, *Ameiurus* spp.; bass, *Micropterus* spp.) were abundant, whereas a native prey species (Lowland Leopard Frog, *Lithobates yavapaiensis*) was not found. Only relatively large adult females and neonates were captured in 2004 and 2005. Low catch per unit effort (adults), absence of intermediate age classes, and presence of non-native predators suggest a low density population and raise the possibility that recruitment may be