New Distributional Records for the Gray-banded Kingsnake (Lampropeltis alterna) in Texas

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The gray-banded kingsnake, Lampropeltis alterna, is a medium-sized colubrid endemic to the Chihuahuan Desert regions of western Texas and southeastern New Mexico in the United States. Based on preserved museum specimens, L. alterna have been documented from ten counties in Texas (Werler and Dixon 2000). Numerous gaps exist between documented populations. Specimens have been collected from these gaps and maintained in captive collections for years but few were deposited in museum collections. Herein we report on several cataloged museum specimens that document new county records and fill in gaps between previously documented populations. Specimens verified by Jonathan A. Campbell (UTACV), James Mueller (SRSU), and Kenneth Wray (UF).

New County Records


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New Distributional Records for Amphibians and Reptiles from Quintana Roo on the Yucatán Peninsula, México

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During the course of fieldwork from1992 through 2000 in Quintana Roo, México, several amphibians and reptiles were found that represent either distributional range extensions on the Yucatán Peninsula, or new state records for Quintana Roo. All records are from the Municipality of Othón P. Blanco in the southern portion of the state, unless indicated otherwise. The authors collected all specimens, except for those identified in the text. This account reports a range extension for one amphibian, and six state records and 16 range extensions for reptiles. All voucher specimens are deposited in the Herpetological Collection of the Museo de Zoología, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Unidad Chetumal, Quintana Roo (ECO-CH-H). Oscar Flores-Villéla verified all specimens, except Ctenosaura alfredschmidtii, which was verified by Gunther Köhler. Former distributional records, except for C. alfredschmidtii, are based on Lee (1996).

NEW STATE RECORDS

Claudius angustatus (Narrowbridge Musk Turtle). La Unión (17°53′47″N, 88°52′34″W). 01 July 1993. Máximo Suárez Salas. ECO-CH-H 0341. This new state record closes the gap between previously known localities in southeastern Campeche and northeastern Belize.

Ctenosaura alfredschmidtii (Alfredschmidt’s Spinytail Iguana). Municipality of Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Dzulá village (19°36′09″N,