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NOTE ON LAMPROPELTIS MEXICANA (GARMAN).

While tabulating characters of snake genera I noticed that *Oreophis* Dugès differed only slightly from *Lampropeltis*. On looking the matter up, it became apparent that *Oreophis boulengeri* Dugès (1897, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, p. 284) from Guanajuato, Mexico, is a strict synonym of *Ophibolus triangulus mexicanus* Garman (1883, Mem. Mus. Comp. Zool., (7), 3, p. 66) from San Luis Potosi, Mexico. This gives a third specimen and second locality for this rare snake and affords an opportunity to erase a genus and a species from an overcrowded list.

The dentition ascribed to *Oreophis* is obviously abnormal, differing from that of *Lampropeltis* in having four teeth in the middle of the maxillary shorter than the rest. In all the other characters, especially in the peculiar head coloration, the description agrees well with the types of Garman's species which I have just examined.

The scale formula for this third specimen is Sc. 22; V, 185 + 1; C. 44; L. 8-9; T. 2-3; 40 red saddles on body and tail. Total length 387 mm., tail 60 mm.

—E. R. Dunn.