

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

CRANE CO: UTACV R-40419: on US 385, ca. 100 m N of Upton Co. line. DOR. July 1994. Rudy Aguillar.

CROCKETT CO: Several specimens are available. UTACV R-40371: on FM 2083, 17.5 miles S jct I-10. DOR. 2 May 1993. Pat Cherryhomes. SRSU R-6521-22: on FM 2083, 1.5 miles S of Howard Draw. 6 June 1996. Mike Price. UF 106718: Ozona, on US Hwy 290. Intact head and skin, DOR(?). 13 May 1966. E. Ross Allen.

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BREWSTER CO: UTACV R-38781: on US 90, 6.5 miles W of Alpine. DOR. 1 August 1995. Thomas Barlow. SRSU R-6483: Hwy 90, 5 miles W of Alpine. 03 September 1994. Deron Hartman. First documented specimens from Paisano Gap. UTACV R-40365: on TX 118, 20.5 miles S of Alpine. 18 August 1995. Norman Nunley. Southernmost record for Del Norte Mountains. UTACV R-51451: on US 90, 11 miles W of Marathon. DOR. June 1999. Alan Tennant. First record for western slopes of the Glass Mountains.

CULBERSON CO: UTACV slide-26756: Beach Mountains, 3.3 miles NW of Van Horn. 14 July 1993. Toby Hibbitts. Fourth specimen for the county and the first specimen from the Beach Mountains.

TERRELL CO: UTACV R-51452: on FM 2400, 1 mile W jct TX 349. 1 May 1998. Sam MacAdams. Fills a distributional hiatus reported in Werler and Dixon (2000) between specimens from near Iraan in Pecos Co. and specimens from southern Terrell Co. in the vicinity of Palma Canyon.

UPTON CO: UTACV R-42518: East boundary of Castlegap Park. 1981. Vince DeMarco. Represents the museum deposition of a specimen previously reported by Dixon (1987). UTACV-R 40418: King Mountain, McCamey Oilfield, ca. 5 miles NE of McCamey. DOR. September 1994. Dan McAdams. Second documented specimen from this county.

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