FIELD BOOK OF SNAKES

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	Usually two anterior temporals; scale formula very rarely lower than 19-21-19-17	22
20 b.	Usually one anterior temporal; scale formula generally 17-19-17, rarely higher than 19-17	21
	Red areas continuous across the belly Scarlet king snake (<i>L. elapsoides elapsoides</i>) p.	173
21 b.	Red not continuous across the belly but restricted to black-bordered dorsal saddles that extend upon the ventrals	
	Northern scarlet king snake (L. elapsoides virginiana) p.	173
22 a.	Dorsal pattern of saddles, or of blotches of red or brown; whitish cross-bands 23 to 60	23
22 b.	Dorsal pattern practically of rings; whitish crossbands 18 to 30 Cope's milk snake (<i>L. triangulum amaura</i>) p.	188
23 a.	Dorsal saddles usually more than 25, reaching down to the fifth or third row of scales above the ventrals; often two rows of lateral alternating	
	blotches; a dark band on the posterior part of prefrontals; a black-bordered light band from the eye to the angle of the mouth; usually a Y-shaped light spot on the back of the headMilk snake (L. triangulum triangulum) p.	т86
23 b.	Dorsal saddles usually fewer than 35, extending down to the third row of scales or lower; only one series of alternating spots; head markings only partially or not at all developed	200
	Red milk snake (L. triangulum syspila) p.	188

Davis Mountain King Snake.—Lampropeltis alterna Brown. A moderate-sized long-tailed snake differing from all other king snakes in its pattern. The ground color is slate gray, with a pattern of very narrow black cross-bands alternating at intervals of 3 to 5 scales with wider black crossbands split transversely with scarlet. There are 19 red and black bands on the body, and an equal number of the narrower black ones. Belly grayish white, heavily blotched with black.

Range.—Known only from the Davis and Chisos Mountains in Texas and adjacent Mexico.

Only five specimens of this rare snake are known. The original specimen measures 28 inches in total length.

Yellow-bellied King Snake.—Lampropeltis calligaster Harlan. (Plate 19). A pattern of 46 to 78 (av. 60) squarish