

Herpetological Notes

LAMPROPELTIS ALTERNA FROM MEXICO.—A specimen of *Lampropeltis alterna* (H.M.S. Field No. 11505) was found in a crack in a large boulder on the northern side of a barren hill (the old Cruz Verde Mountain) just west of Saltillo, Coahuila, on October 15, 1939. This is the first specimen known from Mexico and the third specimen known of the species. Preoculars 1-1; postoculars 3-3; temporals 2 + 3, 3 + 4; scale rows 25-23-19; ventrals 220; subcaudals 64; one or two scale pits, apparently more scales with one than with two. Maxillary teeth 13, two posterior slightly enlarged. Hemipenis (dissected) bilobed, tips with calyces; sulcus single; spines small, numerous, extending half way to base of organ; two or three basal ridges, branching distally and forming seven or eight ridges which disappear at the edge of the area of spines. Black annuli indistinct anteriorly and posteriorly, most distinct near middle of body; 33 red annuli on body; 10 annuli on tail, the last 3 with no red. Total length 810 mm., tail 128 mm.—HOBART M. SMITH, *U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.*