



Menopoma " fusca .

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MENOPOMA FUSCA.—*Holbrook.**Plate XXXIII.*

CHARACTERS. Head large, flat; snout full and rounded; body above uniform umber, beneath paler.

DESCRIPTION. The *Menopoma fusca* resembles in its general form the *Menopoma Alleghaniensis*, but its head is rather larger in proportion, and the snout more full, broader and rounded; the palatine group of teeth is more concentric with that of the superior maxillary, but after all, we must depend chiefly on the colour to distinguish this animal from the *Menopoma Alleghaniensis*.

DIMENSIONS. The proportions of this animal are the same as those of the *Menopoma Alleghaniensis*, yet it reaches a greater size—I have seen one nearly 18 inches in length.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. This reptile inhabits the waters of the mountainous regions of North Carolina and Georgia, where they are said to be abundant.

GENERAL REMARKS. I have never seen but one individual of this species, which was captured in the waters of French Broad, by my friend Dr. Hardy, of Ashville, Buncomb county, North Carolina. The colouring may be relied on, as it was done from life.



Holbrook, John Edwards. 1842. "Menopoma fusca – Holbrook." *North American herpetology; or, A description of the reptiles inhabiting the United States* 5, 99–99. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.326890>.

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