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**PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSES OF FOUR NEW SNAKES
FROM LOWER CALIFORNIA, MEXICO**

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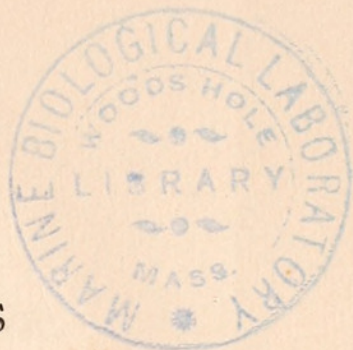
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This paper is based upon material secured during a recent visit to the Todos Santos Islands and the San Pedro Martir Mountains. One of the chief objects of this expedition was the securing of more information regarding the garter-snakes of the San Pedro Martir Mountains, the status of which had never been satisfactorily settled. The material now at hand makes necessary the description of these garter-snakes as a distinct subspecies. The discovery of the other new snakes was quite unexpected. The presence of a king snake on South Todos Santos Island is most interesting in its zoogeographical aspects.

1. *Diadophis anthonyi*, new species

Diagnosis.—Similar to *D. amabilis amabilis* but with collar obsolete and edges less definite; gastrosteges heavily marked with complete or interrupted transverse black bars, instead of more or less numerous black spots. Scales in 15 rows. Gastrosteges 180 to 192; urosteges 64. Supralabials 7-7; infralabials 8-8.

Type: Adult male, No. 56766, Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci., collected May 30, 1923, by Joseph R. Slevin on **South Todos Santos Island, Lower California, Mexico**; two *paratypes*, Nos. 56764 and 56765 from same locality.



2. *Lampropeltis herrerae*, new species

Diagnosis.—Similar to *L. zonata* but with the red of that species represented only by a few small lateral blotches or spots of very pale pink usually evident only on the neck; snout black. Scale rows 23. Gastrosteges 217 to 220; urosteges 52 to 59. White rings on body 36 to 41; on tail, 8 to 10.

Type: Adult male, No. 56755, Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci., collected May 25, 1923, by Joseph R. Slevin on **South Todos Santos Island, Lower California, Mexico**; eight *paratypes*, Nos. 56756 to 56763 from same locality.

3. *Lampropeltis agalma*, new species

Diagnosis.—Similar to *L. zonata* but with upper surface of snout largely red instead of black. Scale rows 23. Gastrosteges 207 to 213; urosteges 52 to 56. White rings on body 40 to 45; on tail, 8 to 10.

Type: Adult male, No. 56856, Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci., collected June 16, 1923, by Joseph R. Slevin at about 7,000 feet altitude near **Alcatraz, San Pedro Martir Mountains, Lower California, Mexico**; one *paratype*, No. 56879, from Valladares Creek, San Pedro Martir Mountains, Lower California, Mexico.

4. *Thamnophis ordinoides hueyi*, new subspecies

Diagnosis.—Similar to *T. o. vagrans* but with dorsal spots and dark gastrostege markings usually less evident and gastrosteges fewer. Scale rows 21-19-17. Gastrosteges 151 to 161; urosteges 66 to 82. Supralabials usually 8-8; infralabials normally 10-10; preoculars 1-1. Dorsal line complete, its borders often invaded by more or less evident dorsal spots; anterior edges of gastrosteges with more or less concealed dark pigmentation.

Type: Adult female, No. 56855, Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci., collected June 13, 1923, by Joseph R. Slevin at about 7,300 feet altitude near **Arroyo Encantada, between La Grulla and La Encantada, San Pedro Martir Mountains, Lower California, Mexico**; ten *paratypes*, Nos. 56852 to 56854 and 56856 to 56862 from same locality.



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