

## NOTES

### NEW RECORDS OF AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES, AND TURTLES IN KANSAS FOR 2008

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The nine new county records listed below are those accumulated or brought to my attention since the publication of records for 2007 (Collins, 2008). Publication of these new records permits me to give credit and express my appreciation to the many individuals who collected or obtained specimens and donated them to me for deposition in an institutional collection. Further, recipients of this list are permitted an opportunity to update the range maps and size maxima sections in *Amphibians and Reptiles in Kansas Third Edition* (Collins and Collins, 1993). Finally, these new records represent information that greatly increases our knowledge of the distribution and physical proportions of these creatures in Kansas, and thus gives us a better understanding of their biology. This report is my 34th in a series that has appeared annually since 1976, and the data contained herein eventually will be incorporated into a new forthcoming book, *Amphibians, Reptiles, and Turtles in Kansas*.

The Kansas specimens listed below represent the first records for the given county based on a preserved, cataloged voucher specimen in an institutional collection, or represent size maxima larger than those listed in Collins and Collins (1993). Any information of this nature not backed by a voucher specimen is an unverifiable observation. All new records listed here are presented in the following standardized format: standard common and current scientific name, county, specific locality, date of collection, collector(s), and place of deposition and catalog number. New size maxima are presented with the size limits expressed in both metric and English units. Common names are those now standardized for North America, as compiled by Collins & Taggart (2002), and are given at the species level only.

The records listed below are deposited in the herpetological collection of the Sternberg Museum of Natural History, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas (MHP). I am most grateful to the members of the Kansas Herpetological Society, and to the staff of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Kansas Biological Survey, who spent many hours in search of some of the specimens reported herein. Some of the records contained herein resulted from field studies sponsored by funds from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' Chickadee Check-off Program. Travis W. Taggart and Curtis Schmidt, Sternberg Museum of Natural History, Fort Hays State University, diligently assigned catalog numbers to most of the specimens listed below, and to them I am most indebted.

#### NEW COUNTY RECORDS

***SPEA BOMBIFRONS*** (Plains Spadefoot). KANSAS: Rawlins Co: 39.83997°N, 100.9759°W. 26 June 2008 at 12:56 am. Curtis J. Schmidt, Kendra L. Phelps, and Zachary J. Schwenke. MHP 13963. Verified by Travis W. Taggart. Reported by Schmidt (2008a).

***ANAXYRUS COGNATUS*** (Great Plains Toad). KANSAS: Rawlins Co: 39.82205°N, 100.99972°W. 26 June 2008 at 12:47 am. Curtis J. Schmidt, Kendra L. Phelps, and Zachary J. Schwenke. MHP 13964. Verified by Travis W. Taggart. Reported by Schmidt (2008b).

***GASTROPHRYNE OLIVACEA*** (Great Plains Narrow-mouth Toad). KANSAS: Neosho Co: N°37.558260, W°95.33179. 28 April 2008. Brandon Low and Judy

Low. MHP 13850. Verified by Travis W. Taggart. Reported by Low (2008).

**GASTROPHRYNE OLIVACEA** (Great Plains Narrowmouth Toad) KANSAS: Osage Co: N°38.669944, W°95.618917. 13 May 2008, Nicholas Gomez. MHP 13903. Verified by Travis W. Taggart. Reported by Gomez (2008a).

**LITHOBATES AREOLATUS** (Crawfish Frog) KANSAS: Osage Co: N°38.46151, W°95.87917. 24 March 2007. Travis W. Taggart. MHP 13400–13409. Verified by Joseph T. Collins. Reported by Taggart (2008).

**LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS** (Bullfrog). KANSAS: Phillips Co: 39.66124°N, 99.12205°W. 17 July 2008. Zachary J. Schwenke. MHP 13970. Verified by Curtis J. Schmidt. Reported by Schwenke (2008).

**PLESTIODON OBSOLETUS** (Great Plains Skink). KANSAS: Rush Co: 6 mi S & 4.5 mi W Albert. N°38.36218, W°99.07357. 16 May 2008. Zachary Mayers. MHP 13830. Verified by Brian C. Bartels and Curtis J. Schmidt. Reported by Mayers (2008).

**THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS** (Western Ribbon Snake). KANSAS: Jackson Co: N°39.226167, W°95.998444. 21 May 2008. Nicholas Gomez. MHP 13904. Verified by Curtis J. Schmidt. Reported by Gomez (2008b).

**TERRAPENE ORNATA** (Ornate Box Turtle). KANSAS: Neosho Co: N°37.70331, W°95.30188. 28 April 2008. Paul Ingram and Tom Beaver. MHP 13901. Verified by Daniel Murrow. Reported by Beaver and Ingram (2008).

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