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THAMNOPHIS RADIX (Plains Gartersnake). USA: MINNESOTA: NICOLLET Co.: Minnesota Hwy 99 ca. 4.15 km E of Nicollet (44.282455°N, 94.135587°W; WGS 84). 3 April 2010. Found DOR, photographic records were deposited in the James Ford Bell Museum (JFBM P355a –c). Verified by Kenneth H. Kozak and Amy M. Luxbacher. Updated county record. Oldfield and Moriarty (1994. *Amphibians & Reptiles Native to Minnesota*. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis. 237 pp.) list a vouchered record dated pre-1960. A single specimen collected in Nicollet Co. in 1939 is the only other specimen from this county accessioned at the James Ford Bell Museum.

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THAMNOPHIS RADIX (Plains Gartersnake). USA: MINNESOTA: OLMSTED Co.: County Hwy 19 ca. 12 km SE of jct I-90 (43.906580°N, 92.257339°W; WGS 84). 12 June 2009. Photographic records were deposited in the James Ford Bell Museum (JFBM P354a – d). Verified by Kenneth H. Kozak and Amy M. Luxbacher. New county record and the first vouchered specimen for Olmsted Co. (Oldfield and Moriarty 1994. *Amphibians & Reptiles Native to Minnesota*. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis. 237 pp.). Found by flipping rocks along highway.

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An Additional Bioblitz Competition in Northwest Georgia Yields New County Records

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Due to an earlier bioblitz competition's success at documenting new county records in the Talladega Uplands of Georgia in the spring of 2007 (Graham et al. 2007), we organized an additional contest in the same region during the following fall. To increase participant turnout and enthusiasm, the second bioblitz competition was touted as a rematch between the participants from Auburn University and the University of Georgia. As a result of this survey (mostly 5–7 October 2007), we documented 25 new county records (Jensen et al. 2008), surpassing the first competition's total. Severe drought conditions appeared to increase our success, as amphibians and reptiles were frequently found under moist cover objects at drying bodies of water. Localities were recorded using handheld GPS units with datum settings of WGS 84 and confirmed using Google Earth. The results presented below illustrate how the spirit of competition can be exploited for quick and useful presence-absence surveys, and the utility of surveying during multiple seasons.

Unless otherwise noted, all records were verified by Craig Guyer. AHAP-D indicates digital photo vouchers, AUM indicates specimens collected.

Caudata — Salamanders

Desmognathus monticola (Seal Salamander). PAULDING Co.: Collected along headwaters of Raccoon Cr. ~100 m W of US Hwy 278 (33.939672°N, 84.981411°W). 06 October 2007. S. Hoss and D. Steen. AUM 37566–37567. Verified by George Folkerts.

Eurycea guttolineata (Three-lined Salamander). POLK Co.: Collected in Sewell Cr. 10 m W of Barrett/Wilson Rd. bridge

(33.952913°N, 85.284356°W). 07 October 2007. D. McMoran. AUM 37569.

Notophthalmus viridescens (Eastern Newt). HEARD Co.: Found AOR on Roosterville Rd. at Centralhatchee Cr. bridge (33.391166°N, 85.175040°W). 04 October 2007. S. Graham. AHAP-D 44.

Anura – Frogs

Lithobates palustris (Pickerel Frog). HEARD Co.: Collected DOR on Barr Farm Rd. E of Ephesus at Centralhatchee Cr. bridge (33.412723°N, 85.208393°W). 04 October 2007. S. Graham. AUM 37494. HARALSON Co.: Found under rock along Watermill Cr. 50 m S of Watermill Cr./Coppermine Rd. bridge (33.854506°N, 85.085676°W). 06 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 48.

Testudines – Turtles

Apalone spinifera (Spiny Softshell). HARALSON Co.: Found in Lake Olympia, a small drying reservoir along State Rt. 120 at VFW Post 7402 ~ 4.8 km E of Buchanan (33.811200°N, 85.141821°W). 06 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 55. PAULDING Co.: Found along Raccoon Cr., 0.05 km N of intersection with Braswell Mountain Rd. (34.007853°N, 84.892615°W). 06 October 2007. S. Cox. APAP-D 43.

Chrysemys picta picta (Eastern Painted Turtle). HARALSON Co.: Found in Lake Olympia (33.811200°N, 85.141821°W). 06 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 54.

Pseudemys concinna (River Cooter). HARALSON Co.: Found in Lake Olympia (33.811200°N, 85.141821°W). 06 October 2007. V. Johnson and S. Graham. AHAP-D 52–53.

Sternotherus odoratus (Eastern Musk Turtle). HEARD Co.: Captured in crayfish trap in beaver marsh 50 m S of intersection of US Hwy 27 and State Rt. 34 (33.288574°N, 85.087331°W). 05 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 49. HARALSON Co.: Captured in crayfish trap in Lake Olympia (33.811200°N, 85.141821°W). 07 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 56.

Trachemys scripta (Pond Slider). HARALSON Co.: Shell collected in Lake Olympia (33.81120034°N, 85.14182165°W). 07 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 57. PAULDING Co.: Found in private farm pond to the east of power line cut, south of intersection with Braswell Mountain Rd. (34.007109°N, 84.890804°W). 06 October 2007. S. Cox, A. Durso, E. Susko. AHAP-D 89.

Squamata – Snakes

Agkistrodon contortrix (Copperhead). HEARD Co.: Found DOR on Roosterville Rd. (33.387313°N, 85.171920°W). 04 October 2007. S. Graham. AHAP-D 45.

Coluber constrictor (North American Racer). HARALSON Co.: Found DOR on Mt. View Rd. (33.888953°N, 85.146418°W). 07 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 59. POLK Co.: Found AOR along logging road ~ 4.7 km N of Braswell (34.023600°N, 84.949600°W). 06 October 2007. K. Nelson.

AHAP-D 84.

Lampropeltis getula getula (Eastern Kingsnake). HARALSON Co.: Found DOR at intersection of State Rt. 120 and 113 (33.827837°N, 85.046283°W). 06 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 61–63.

Nerodia erythrogaster (Plain-bellied Watersnake). PAULDING Co.: Found in dry creek bed of Right Prong Cr., ~ 1.77 km W of Corley Lake (34.022497°N, 84.945434°W). 06 October 2007. K. Nelson. AHAP-D 85.

Opheodrys aestivus (Rough Greensnake). HEARD Co.: Found DOR on State Rt. 100, 0.3 km NW of Franklin (33.284879°N, 85.109545°W). 05 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 50.

Pantherophis alleghaniensis (Eastern Ratsnake). HARALSON Co.: Collected DOR on State Rt. 120 at mile marker 15 (33.816196°N, 85.108115°W). 06 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AUM 37496. See comments under *Pantherophis spiloides*.

Pantherophis guttata (Red Cornsnake). BARTOW Co.: Found DOR on Stamp Creek Rd., 1.6 km E of US Hwy 411 intersection (34.274876°N, 84.735115°W). 06 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 59. PAULDING Co.: Collected DOR on US Hwy 278 at intersection with Hulseytown Rd. (33.914859°N, 84.917788°W). 07 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AUM 37497. POLK Co.: Collected freshly shed skin from power line cut at intersection with dirt logging road ~ 5 km N of Braswell (34.026953°N, 84.958205°W). 06 October 2007. A. Durso. AHAP-D 81–82.

Pantherophis spiloides (Gray Ratsnake): HARALSON Co.: Collected DOR at intersection of US Hwy 27 and State Rt. 120 in Buchanan. 07 October 2007. D. McMoran. AUM 34795. The genetic affinities of the *E. alleghaniensis* and *E. spiloides* listed above were not determined; AUM 37496 has a color pattern consistent with the formerly recognized taxon *Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta*; AUM 37495 is an adult (> 150 cm SVL) with a color pattern consistent with the formerly recognized taxon *Elaphe obsoleta spiloides*. Both individuals were collected in the same county on the same highway ~6–7 km apart within the same 24 h period.

Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis (Eastern Gartersnake). HARALSON Co.: Found DOR on State Rt. 120, 1.6 km SW of Buchanan at intersection with Matt Dillion Rd. (33.786517°N, 85.209427°W). 07 October 2007. S. Graham and V. Johnson. AHAP-D 61–63.

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