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***Tantilla striata* Dunn**

*Tantilla striata* Dunn, 1928:3. Type-locality, "east of Mixtequilla, Oaxaca, Mexico." Holotype, American Museum of Natural History 19745, adult male, collected in 1919 by Paul D. Ruthling (examined by author).

• **Content.** No subspecies are recognized.

• **Definition.** A species of *Tantilla* with a pale middorsal stripe occupying the middorsal row and adjacent halves of the paravertebral rows and a complete pale lateral stripe, bounded below by dark pigment and located on adjacent halves of dorsal scale rows 3 and 4. The ground color is tan to brown. The venter is immaculate cream. The head pattern consists of a pale nuchal collar reduced to two nuchal spots "posterolateral to the parietals and sometimes extending slightly onto the parietals" (Wilson and Meyer, 1971), but not onto the ultimate supralabial. The remainder of the head is brown to dark brown, except for pale pre- and postocular spots. Ventrals and subcaudals range from 145 to 163 and 31 to 42, respectively.

• **Diagnosis.** *Tantilla striata* may be distinguished from all congeners by possession of a pale middorsal stripe occupying the middorsal and adjacent halves of the paravertebral scale rows, a pale lateral stripe occupying adjacent halves of rows 3 and 4, the pale nuchal band reduced to two nuchals spots, and 145 to 163 ventrals and 31 to 42 subcaudals.

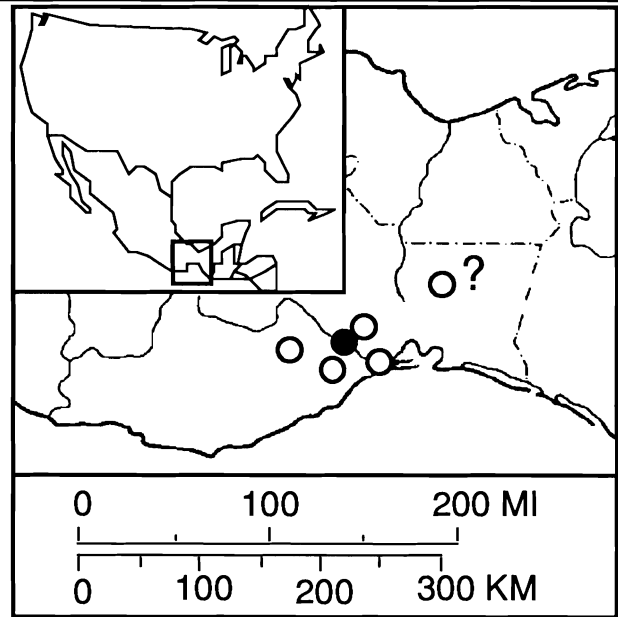
• **Descriptions.** A brief description of this species is in Smith (1942). A more complete description is in Wilson and Meyer (1971).

• **Illustrations.** Wilson and Meyer (1971) provided pen and ink drawings of the head and the dorsal color pattern.

• **Distribution.** *Tantilla striata* occurs at low and moderate elevations of the Pacific versant of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec in the Mexican state of Oaxaca.

• **Fossil Record.** None.

• **Pertinent Literature.** The literature on this species deals with taxonomy and distribution. Smith (1942) and Wilson and Meyer



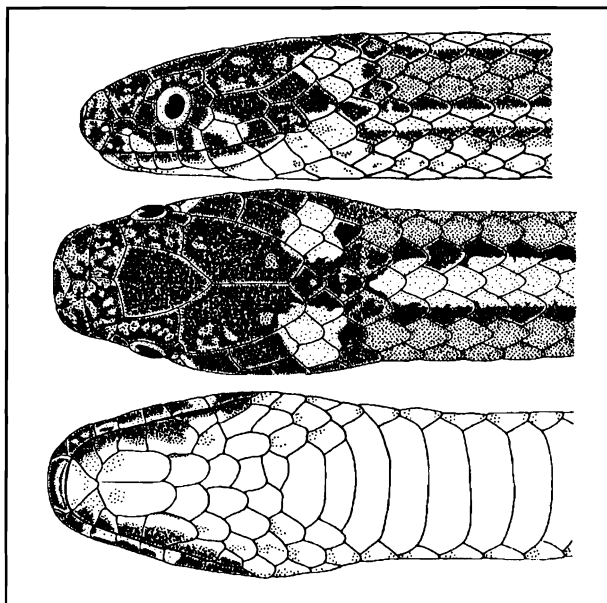
**Map.** Solid circle marks the type-locality; hollow symbols indicate other known localities. Question mark identifies an uncertain record.

(1971) provided descriptions and reviews of distributional data. Smith (1942), Smith and Burger (1950), Smith and Smith (1951), Smith and Williams (1966), Wilson and Meyer (1971), Savitzky and Smith (1971), and Wilson (1982, 1983) discussed relationships of this species with the other members of the *Tantilla taeniata* group.

• **Etymology.** The name *striata* is derived from the Latin *striatus*, meaning "grooved or furrowed" and, by extension, "striped," in reference to the striped dorsal pattern.

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**Figure.** *Tantilla striata*, from Wilson and Meyer (1971).

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