AHAP-D 723 (digital image). Observed basking on fallen log alongside riverbank.

**SQUAMATA — LIZARDS**


**SQUAMATA — SNAKES**


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**New Amphibian and Reptile County Records from Eastern Nebraska, USA**

Ecoregions are areas which share similar ecosystems and environmental resources, and can provide a spatial framework for land and resource management. There are six distinct ecoregions in Nebraska, with the eastern portion of the state being in the Western Corn Belt Plains ecoregion (Omernik, 1987). Historically, this region was dominated by tallgrass prairie, but over 90% of the land has since been converted to croplands (Griffith et al. 1994, Kaul et al. 2006). Given this high level of habitat modification, much of this region has been poorly sampled for amphibians and reptiles and many distributional gaps likely exist in species’ ranges.

Here, we report 16 new county records from the Western Corn Belt Plains of eastern Nebraska which are the result from recent survey efforts. Current county records were determined by examining Baldwin (1965), Ballinger et al. (2010), Fogell (2010), Hubbs (2013), Hudson (1942), Lynch (1985), and through individual records published in *Herpetological Review* since 2009. All voucher specimens were deposited at the Texas Natural History Collections (TNHC), and were verified by Travis J. LaDuc. Locality information was obtained via handheld GPS (WGS 84), and all nomenclature follows Crother (2012). Specimens were collected under a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Scientific and Educational Permit.

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**CAUDATA — SALAMANDERS**

**AMBYSTOMA MAJORITUM** (Barred Tiger Salamander). **Dixson Co.**: Nebraska Open Fields and Water Program property, ca. 4.81 air km NW of Newcastle, NE (42.67356°N, 96.92579°W). 9 September 2013. Elizabeth A. Berg. TNHC 86205. Specimen collected from bottom of an abandonned cistern. This record fills a gap between Dakota Co. to the east and Cedar Co. to the west.

**HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS** (Cope's Gray Treefrog). **Dixson Co.**: stone pond on south side of 891 Rd at jct. with 573 Ave (42.74851°N, 97.08061°W). 24 May 2013. Cameron D. Siler. TNHC 86196. Chorusing male collected from vegetation along edge of pond. **Dixson Co.**: 588 Ave, 0.18 rd. km SW jct. NE Hwy 12 (42.60647°N, 96.78039°W). 29 May 2013. Drew R. Davis. TNHC 89199. Adult female collected from the middle of a gravel road. Previous records exist to the west in Knox Co. and across the Missouri River to the north in Yankeon and Clay counties, South Dakota.


**SPEA BOMBIFRONS** (Plains Spadefoot). **Dixson Co.**: 573 Ave, 0.45 rd. km N jct NE Hwy 12 (42.69729°N, 97.07424°W). 27 May 2013. Danielle J. Quist. TNHC 86198. Adult male collected from the middle of a gravel road. **Dixson Co.**: 578 Ave, 0.98 rd. km NW jct. 8845 Rd (42.65567°N, 96.97668°W). 26 May 2013. Drew R. Davis. TNHC 86197. Adult male collected from the middle of a gravel road. These records fill a gap in their distribution between Dakota Co. to the east and Knox Co. to the west.

**TESTUDINES — TURTLES**


**APALONE SPINIFERA** (Spiny Softshell). **Saunders Co.**: Catfish Run WMA (41.05193°N, 96.33900°W). 31 August 2013. Spencer R. Siddons. TNHC 86211 (photo voucher). Juvenile collected on north shore of Salt Creek. This record fills a gap between Sarpy Co. to the east and Lancaster Co. to the south.

**CHELYDRA SERPENTINA** (Snapping Turtle). **Dixson Co.**: NE Hwy 15, 0.09 rd. km S jct 887 Rd (42.69745°N, 96.95703°W). 27 September 2013. Drew R. Davis and Spencer R. Siddons. TNHC 86210. Adult female collected crossing the highway. **Stanton Co.**: Elkhorn River, ca. 2.71 air km ESE of Pilger, NE (42.00152°N, 97.02183°W). 22 September 2013. Drew R. Davis. TNHC 86207. Adult male collected in the water near the north shore of Elkhorn River. Both records fill distributional gaps of this species in Nebraska.

**CHRESEMYS PICTA** (Painted Turtle). **Cedar Co.**: Missouri River near Bow Creek Recreational Area (42.78109°N, 97.14577°W). 1 August 2013. Drew R. Davis and Spencer R. Siddons. TNHC 86203. Adult female collected in side pool of the Missouri River. This specimen fills a gap from a large area devoid of records in northeast Nebraska.

**SQUAMATA — SNAKES**

**THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS** (Western Ribbonsnake). **Nemaha Co.**: Langdon Bend WMA (40.34004°N, 95.65984°W). 31 August 2013. Drew R. Davis. TNHC 86204. Juvenile male collected in a culvert along an irrigation ditch. Specimen fills gap between Otoc Co. to the north and Richardson Co. to the south.

**THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS** (Common Gartersnake). **Cedar Co.**: Bow Creek Recreational Area (42.77880°N, 97.14577°W). 3 July 2013. Drew R. Davis. TNHC 86201. Adult male collected in a backwater channel of the Missouri River. This record fills a gap between Dixon Co. to the east and Knox Co. to the west.

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