

***OPHEODRYS VERNALIS* (Smooth Greensnake)**. USA: SOUTH DAKOTA: EDMUNDS Co.: Bowdle Health Care Clinic parking lot; 5th St at jct with 8th Ave (45.44829°N, 99.66086°W; WGS 84). 8 August 2016. MyRon B. Zimmer. Verified by Travis J. LaDuc. Biodiversity Collections, University of Texas at Austin (TNHC 100884 [DRD 3817]). Adult male (248 mm SVL, 128 mm tail length, 7.26 g) found DOR. This specimen fills part of a large gap in the distribution of this species between the Black Hills and the Glacial Lakes region of the state (Ballinger et al. 2000. *Trans. Nebraska Acad. Sci.* 26:29–46). Numerous *Opheodrys vernalis* have been observed by MBZ near Bowdle, South Dakota since 2001. No *O. vernalis* specimens are known from the surrounding counties (Brown, Faulk, McPherson, Potter, and Walworth), though individuals have been reported from McPherson County, South Dakota (Beauchamp 2007. *Herpetofauna Survey 2007*, Samuel H. Ordway Prairie Preserve, McPherson County, South Dakota. Final Report to The Natural Conservancy. 5 pp.; Brockman et al.

2009. Herpetofauna Survey 2009. Samuel H. Ordway Memorial Prairie Preserve, McPherson County, SD, Final Report to The Nature Conservancy. 13 pp.). The closest known specimen to this individual is from ca. 189.5 km to the east, from near Veblen, Marshall County, South Dakota (Campbell Museum of Natural History, Clemson University [CUSC] 2169). This specimen was collected under a South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Scientific Collecting Permit (2016_#13) issued to DRD.

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