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## INTRODUCTION

THE AMPHISBAENIA are an excellent demonstration of the futility of the classical, or typological, species concept. Parallelism and convergence, caused by the strong selective pressures on the cephalic scutellation, together with the limited number of external characteristics available to the taxonomist, have provided unusual opportunities for confusion. The difficulties are compounded by the extremely restricted ranges inhabited by many species, and by the seemingly disjunct distribution of more wide-ranging forms. The subterranean mode of life keeps these animals out of the way of the casual collector. In consequence they have been scarce in collections, and many species have been inadequately described, often on the basis of single specimens from vague localities.

No complete summary of the group has been attempted since Strauch's "Bemerkungen über die . . . Amphisbaeniden" (1881) and Boulenger's "Catalogue of the Lizards" (1885), though the number of species that have been recognized has tripled.<sup>1</sup> For Africa we have Loveridge's (1941) monograph, modified by FitzSimons (1943), Laurent (1947), and Witte (1954) on the basis of much additional material. Burt and Burt (1933) provided an uncritical check list for South America, bringing the catalogue by Boulenger up to date for that region. Their list was reviewed by Amaral (1937a, 1937c), who drastically changed the number of forms and placed many species in synonymy, often apparently by substituting "judgment" for specimens, and with singularly unhappy results (Vanzolini, 1948a, 1949, 1951a, 1955). Vanzolini, in a perceptive study (MS), reviewed the amphisbaenids on the generic level, relying most heavily on cranial characters. It is regrettable that his published summary (Vanzolini, 1951b) contains a number of decisions concerning genera of which he saw no material. Finally, there is Romer's (1957) "Osteology of the Reptiles" which

<sup>1</sup> An unpublished manuscript in the United States National Museum collection suggests that Leonhard Stejneger started a review in 1914. This was initially designed as support for the land-bridge hypothesis and was apparently abandoned in the early 1920's.

contains a remarkably useful section of generic synonyms.

The present check list forms an interim summary in a program of re-evaluation that may ultimately result in a monograph of the group. Emphasis has been placed on a complete listing of described forms and synonyms, rather than on a review of their generic status. In view of my continuing interest in the group, I shall appreciate comments and corrections.

### GENERAL APPROACH

The review of the amphisbaenians of which this paper forms a part has been designed as a basis for additional studies of their systematics, morphology, physiology, and behavior. Extensive systematic work has been and is still required, because the classification of South American amphisbaenids, as of most of the reptiles from that continent, has been in a state of chaos. To give an example, I have found it necessary to change the identifications of more than half of the museum specimens of amphisbaenids thus far examined.

The analysis of a group the internal classification of which has not recently been re-examined logically requires a review of all the names within each unit. Such a review must be based on an examination of types rather than a learned discussion of original descriptions. The latter serves as a poor substitute and should be employed only in cases in which the types are absolutely unavailable or have been destroyed. I am happy that it has been possible either to visit the institutions where most of the amphisbaenid types have been kept or, through the courtesy and co-operation of many curators, to borrow and compare the types with other specimens in my laboratory.

The last century has seen an increase in the number of collections and a vast amplification of the number of specimens available from many regions. Materials adequate for at least a first-level characterization of many supposedly rare groups are already available. Yet they are scattered, both because of the diverse origins of the workers who have provided us with collections from tropical re-

gions, and because of the well-known desire of museums to have a representative example of each species for comparison. The scattering tends to give an underestimate of the quantity of materials actually available. Their reassembly during the course of these studies (obviously coupled with additional collecting) has permitted me to characterize many forms on the basis of sizable samples, forms that had supposedly been known only from unique specimens.

The kind of review here outlined does require considerable resources in terms of time, of library materials, and of facility to ship and borrow specimens. Institutions situated within the ranges of these animals encounter particular difficulties in this respect, yet many of the present problems, and, more important, many of those pointed out by first-level studies such as this one, are most easily and hence most logically tackled by workers in such institutions. It is then necessary to summarize and publish the results of the primary review in a format designed to permit its reconsideration with a minimum of effort. It is particularly necessary to present the results in a format that allows the next worker to identify those specimens (and references) the re-examination of which would yield the obvious test of new hypotheses, and to keep him from reassembling materials that do not pertain to the issue.

For these reasons I have published a detailed review of the literature as well as locality data, museum numbers, and descriptive values of the majority of specimens examined throughout these studies. Other students may thus recombine these data with those obtained from freshly collected materials and avoid borrowing more than a small fraction of the specimens seen by me. The publication of tables of raw data (or their deposition with the American Documentation Institute) should also permit other workers to verify my counting methods on the basis of only a few of the many specimens seen, a check that is impossible when only means, ranges, and other statistical parameters are presented. The publication of raw data finally permits a check of the accuracy of counts, particularly on specimens that may not fit a newly formed scheme.

## METHOD

The format adopted in this check list represents an effort to effect maximum communication of the results of my search of literature and collections. Additionally, it furnishes an example of a different kind of check list, designed more to summarize the present state of our knowledge of the group and to indicate areas of certainty and of uncertainty, than to present a platform for personal views. Implicit is my conviction that a check list should provide (1) a listing of the forms currently recognized, (2) a statement regarding the assignment of all names based on material of the particular group, and (3) enough information so that the user may form a concept of the form to which the name applies. Particular attention has thus been paid to the citation of the most recent paper or papers that clarify or comment on the status of a species. Divergent opinions are generally mentioned, unless one of the papers cited presents a review thereof. The worker who desires information on a common form then need not rely on only the first and necessarily the least complete reference.

The main citations are offered essentially "without judgment." They represent the published opinions of authors, and the authority is always indicated. Decisions on the specific level, made during the process of compilation, have been published elsewhere and cited here. Other problems, particularly a reconsideration of the generic status of many forms, are under investigation or in process of publication as this list goes to press.

I have permitted myself the prerogative of stating my opinions under Discussion of Form or in footnotes when as yet unpublished information seemed to justify doing so.

## STYLE

The check list is restricted to recent forms. For each species and subspecies, the original citation and all primary synonyms, but no new combinations, are listed. *Terra typica*, restriction and source, if any, and present location of typical material are shown for each name (no particular effort has been made to check for present paratype locations when the holotype was extant). Under the

side heading Discussion of Form, reference is made to the most recent adequate discussions, preferably those giving references to the earlier literature. Also cited is the paper used as the authority for the inclusion of the particular form, and occasionally other papers that may help clarify the species concept. The species range is listed and occasionally modified to include supplementary locality records (source in parentheses).

For each genus is given the original citation of the name, as well as a list of all synonyms, in each case with the type species and its method of designation. The authority for the generic assignment and available references to the last discussions of the group are listed thereafter. All forms are cited in alphabetical order under the next higher category. In the case of subspecies, the nominate race is listed first.

I have desisted from the temptation of including keys at this time. Vanzolini (1951b) provided a key to the genera, and keys to several infrageneric sections can be found in the papers cited. Groups for which no keys are now available are generally in need of revision. An attempt to make artificial keys for them would be futile, since keys that have been prepared entirely from the literature are quite worthless in the Amphisbaenia, as in most poorly known groups.

#### HIGHER CATEGORIES

Of the more recent revisers of the group, Vanzolini (MS) follows Boulenger (1885) in retaining the amphisbaenians as a single family, but recognizes three subfamilies for the recent genera (Amphisbaeninae, Rhinurinae, Trogonophinae). Taylor (1951) differed and divided the recent forms into three families (Bipedidae, Amphisbaenidae, Trogonophidae), whereas Hoffstetter (1955) recognized Vanzolini's categories, raising one of them to the status of a separate family.

There are definite objections to each of these positions. However, I have thus far reviewed and confirmed only the separation of the trogonophids as a distinct family (Gans, 1960; Gans and Lynn, 1965). I here list the genera alphabetically under the two family headings but omit the subfamilial divisions.

The placement of the amphisbaenians within the Reptilia has been the subject of considerable comment. I here choose to treat them as an order, equivalent to the Sauria and the Serpentes, and with them forming the superorder Squamata.

#### LOCATION OF THE TYPES

Considerable effort was devoted to a check of the present whereabouts and condition of the typical material. I am able to indicate the institution and specimen number for the great majority. The information generally comes from personal examination of specimens, though letters from the curators of the institutions involved have occasionally been substituted. In a few cases the types are known to have been destroyed. A lectotype has occasionally been selected. Such action follows the Code (Stoll and others, 1961) and is based on considerations of location, preservation, and prior illustrations of the specimen or specimens.

The abbreviations for collections in which typical materials are deposited follow. I am indeed grateful for the assistance and hospitality granted by the professional staff of many institutions, particularly to those persons who facilitated the protracted loan of much rare material.

- A.M.N.H., the American Museum of Natural History, New York (C. M. Bogert and R. G. Zweifel)
- A.N.S.P., Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (J. Boehlke and E. Malnate)
- A.S.F.S., Albert Schwartz field series, Miami, Florida
- B.M., British Museum (Natural History), London, England (J. C. Battersby and A. G. C. Grandison)
- C.A.S., the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California (A. E. Leviton)
- C.G., Carl Gans collection, Buffalo, New York
- C.M., Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (N. D. Richmond)
- C.N.H.M., Field Museum of Natural History (formerly Chicago Natural History Museum), Chicago, Illinois (R. F. Inger and H. Marx)
- D.Z., Departamento de Zoologia, Secretaria da Agricultura, São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (A. S. Rand and P. E. Vanzolini). [This collection now includes all lizards formerly in the Instituto Butantan of São Paulo]

- G.U.M., Zoologisches Institut und Museum der Universität, Göttingen, Germany (P. Kuenzer)
- G.Z.R., Museo di Zoologia del'Giardino Zoologico, Rome, Italy (G. Tamino)
- H.M., Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg, Germany (all pre-World War II types destroyed) (W. Ladiges)
- I.M.Z.U.T., Istituto e Museo di Zoologia della Università di Torino, Italy (L. Pardi and L. Rossi)
- I.R.Sc.N.B., Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium (G. F. de Witte and A. Capart)
- K.M., Universitetets Zoologiske Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark (F. W. Braestrup)
- K.U., University of Kansas Museum of Natural History, Lawrence, Kansas (W. Duellman)
- L.C.F.M., Musée de La-Chaux-de-Fond, Switzerland
- M.A.C.N., Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales "Bernardino Rivadavia," Buenos Aires, Argentina (J. Cranwell and J. M. Gallardo)
- M.B.U.C.V., Museo de Biología, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela (J. A. Roze)
- M.C.N.C., Museo de Ciencias Naturales, Caracas, Venezuela
- M.C.Z., Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Massachusetts (E. E. Williams)
- M.G., Museum de Genève, Switzerland (V. Aellen)
- M.H.N.P., Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France (J. Guibé)
- M.L.U., Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany (R. Piechocki)
- M.N., Museo Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil (A. L. de Carvalho)
- M.N.H.M., Museo de Historia Natural de Montevideo, Uruguay (M. A. Klappenbach and B. Orejas-Miranda)
- M.S.N.G., Museo Civico di Storia Naturale "Giacomo Doria," Genoa, Italy (E. Tortonese and L. O. Capoccia)
- M.S.N.M., Museo Civico di Storia Naturale, Milan, Italy (M. Torchio)
- M.Z.U.F., Museo Zoologico dell'Università di Firenze, Italy (B. Lanza)
- N.M., Natal Museum, Durban, Natal, South Africa
- N.M.B., Naturhistorisches Museum, Basel, Switzerland (L. Forcart)
- N.M.W., Naturhistorisches Museum zu Wien, Vienna, Austria (J. Eiselt)
- P.M.Y., Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut (P. Humphreys and C. Reed)
- R.G.M.C., Musée de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, Belgium (M. Poll)
- R.M.N.H., Rijksmuseum voor Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden, The Netherlands (M. Boeseman)
- R.T., Richard Thomas private collection, Miami, Florida
- S.A.M., South African Museum, Cape Town, Union of South Africa (C. Gow)
- S.M.F., Senckenbergische naturforschende Gesellschaft, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany (K. Klemmer)
- S.M.N.S., Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde, Stuttgart, Germany (H. Wermuth)
- S.U., Stanford University Systematic Collections, Stanford, California (G. S. Myers)
- T.M., Transvaal Museum, Pretoria, Transvaal (V. FitzSimons)
- U.I.M.N.H., University of Illinois, Museum of Natural History, Urbana, Illinois (H. M. Smith)
- U.P.R.R.P., University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico (H. Heatwole)
- U.S.N.M., United States National Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. (D. M. Cochran and J. A. Peters)
- Z.I.L., Zoological Institute, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, Leningrad, U.S.S.R. (Ilja S. Darevski)
- Z.M.U., Zoologisches Museum der Universität, Berlin, Germany (H. Wermuth and G. Peters)
- Z.S.M., Zoologische Sammlung des Bayerischen Staates, Munich, Germany (W. Hellmich)
- Z.V.C.R., Departamento de Zoología Vertebrados, Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias, Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay (R. Vaz-Ferreira)

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## CHECK LIST

### TROGONOPHIDAE

#### GENUS AGAMODON W. C. H. PETERS

*Agamodon* W. C. H. PETERS, 1882, p. 580. Type species: *Agamodon anguliceps*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Gans (1960, p. 179) and Gans and Pandit (1965, p. 74).

#### *Agamodon anguliceps anguliceps* W. C. H. Peters

*Agamodon anguliceps* W. C. H. PETERS, 1882, p. 580. *Terra typica*: "Barava(Africa orientalis)" = Brava, Somali Republic. Syntypes: Z.M.U. Nos. 10189, 10190.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1960, p. 179) and Gans and Pandit (1965, p. 82).

RANGE: South-central coast of Somali Republic, eastern Ethiopia(?).

#### *Agamodon anguliceps immaculatus* Calabresi

*Agamodon anguliceps immaculatus* CALABRESI, 1927, p. 27. *Terra typica*: "Afghedud," Somali Republic. Holotype: M.Z.U.F. No. M-4852-C4052.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Pandit (1965, p. 85).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

#### *Agamodon arabicus* Anderson

*Agamodon arabicus* ANDERSON, 1901, p. 140. *Terra typica*: "Al Khaur, Arabia" in Abian County, Yemen. Holotype: B.M. No. 99.12.13.-52:RR1946.9.1.3.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1960, p. 179). RANGE: Known from the type only.

#### *Agamodon compressus* Mocquard

*Agamodon compressus* MOCQUARD, 1888, p. 133. *Terra typica*: "Comalis" = Somali Republic. Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. 84-690.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1960, p. 179) and Gans and Pandit (1965, p. 78).

RANGE: Central coastal Somali Republic.

#### GENUS DIPLOMETOPON NIKOLSKI

*Diplometopon* NIKOLSKI, 1907, p. 276. Type species: *Diplometopon zarudnyi*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Gans (1960, p. 178).

#### *Diplometopon zarudnyi* Nikolski

*Diplometopon zarudnyi* NIKOLSKI, 1907, p. 277. *Terra typica*: "Nasrie in Arabistano, . . . in Persia

australio-occidentali" = Nasrie in southwestern Iran on the Karun River. Holotype: Z.I.L. No. 10341.

*Pachycalamus zaroudnyi* BOULENGER, 1920, p. 352. Emendation: Collector's name spelled "Zaroudny" in title of Nikolski's paper.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1960, p. 178).

RANGE: Extreme western Iran, southern Iraq, Kuwait, the northern half of Saudi Arabia, Trucial Oman.

#### GENUS PACHYCALAMUS GÜNTHER

*Pachycalamus* GÜNTHER, 1881, p. 462. Type species: *Pachycalamus brevis*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Gans (1960, p. 178).

#### *Pachycalamus brevis* Günther

*Pachycalamus brevis* GÜNTHER, 1881, p. 462. *Terra typica*: Socotra Island. Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 81.3.5.6.:RR 1946.8.31.68-81.3.5.11:RR 1946.8.-31.73, 1934.12.10.1:RR 1946.8.31.78-1934.12.10.4:RR 1946.8.31.81 (possibly N.M.W. No. 16681 as well).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 364) and Gans (1960, p. 178).

RANGE: Socotra Island, Indian Ocean.

#### GENUS TROGONOPHIS KAUP

*Trogonophis* KAUP, 1830, p. 880. Type species: *Trogonophis wiegmanni*, by monotypy.

*Trigonophis* GRAY, 1844, p. 68. *Lapsus*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

See discussion in Gans (1960, p. 178).

#### *Trogonophis wiegmanni wiegmanni* Kaup

*Trogonophis wiegmanni* KAUP, 1830, p. 880. *Terra typica*: Unknown; restricted to "Algérie" (Pasteur and Bons, 1960, p. 79). Syntypes: "Zool. Inst. Giessen" (Kaup, 1831); destroyed (W. J. Schmidt, *in litt.*).

DISCUSSION OF FORMS: Loveridge (1941, p. 360) and Gans (1960, p. 178). Pasteur and Bons (1960, p. 79) commented on the status of races.

RANGE: Eastern Morocco, northern Algeria, western Tunisia (specimens in Museo Civico di Storia Naturale of Genoa and the Zoologische Staatssammlung, Munich).

#### *Trogonophis wiegmanni elegans* (Gervais)

*Amphisbaena elegans* GERVAIS, 1835, p. 113. *Terra typica*: "Alger et à Tanger"; restricted to

Tangier (Gans and Pasteur, 1962, p. 10). Lectotype: M.H.N.P. No. A3083 from Tangier. Lec-toparatypes: Apparently lost (cf. Gans and Pasteur, 1962).

*Trogonophis wiegmanni maroccana* WERNER, 1931, p. 280. *Terra typica*: "Chella, Rabat, Marokko." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 29668. Paratypes: M.C.Z. No. 29669 (Djebel Taghat, Fez). M.C.Z. No. 29670 (Agadir, Morocco).

DISCUSSIONS OF FORMS: See under the nominate race.

RANGE: Western Morocco to the Souss.

#### AMPHISBAENIDAE

##### GENUS AMPHISBAENA LINNÉ

*Amphisbaena* LINNÉ, 1758, p. 229. Type species: *Amphisbaena fuliginosa*, by first reviser (Fitzinger, 1843, p. 22).

*Glyptodermis* FITZINGER, 1843, p. 22. Type species: *Amphisbaena vermicularis* Wagler, by original designation.

*Typhlobalanus* FITZINGER, 1843, p. 22. Type species: *Amphisbaena coeca* (= *A. caeca* Cuvier), by original designation.

*Sarea* GRAY, 1844, p. 71. Type species: *Amphisbaena caeca* Cuvier (= *A. ridleyi* Boulenger; cf. Gans and Alexander, 1962, p. 82) by original designation.

*Diphalus* COPE, 1861b, p. 75. Type species: *Diphalus fenestratus*, by monotypy.

*Aporarchus* COPE, 1885, p. 189. Type species: *Aporarchus prunicolor*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 82) for American forms; in Loveridge (1941, 1948, 1957), Laurent (1947), and Vanzolini (1951b, MS), for African forms. Loveridge retained most African species of this general grouping in the genus *Amphisbaena*, except for two placed in *Placogaster*. I choose to follow Laurent (1947) in his recognition of *Chirindia* and *Cynisca*, confirmed by Vanzolini, and in his placement of the species of *Placogaster* in *Cynisca*, set aside by Vanzolini, but without argument. I follow Vanzolini in accepting the genera *Loveridgea* and *Zygaspis*. *Amphisbaena violacea* remains, therefore, as the only African species of this genus, an artificial situation on which I comment under that species.

There may be considerable merit to Loveridge's suggestion (1948, p. 213; 1957, p. 237) that the new genera of African species are subgenera at best, particularly since three of the four groupings are allopatric, yet even

acceptance of this view would not invalidate the concept of an American and an African genus. Certainly the differences in the direction of modification of the American and African species formerly joined in the same genus lend considerable weight to the revised scheme.

##### *Amphisbaena alba* LINNÉ

*Amphisbaena alba* LINNÉ, 1758, p. 229. *Terra typica*: "America." Syntypes: Museum Drottningholm (two specimens, according to Andersson, 1899, p. 7).

*Amphisbaena rosea* SHAW AND NODDER, 1791 (1791-1795, vol. 3), pl. 86+text. *Terra typica*: "America." Type: Not designated.

*Amphisbaena pachyura* WOLF, 1822, p. 61. *Terra typica*: Not designated. Type: Lost.

*Amphisbaena exalbida* WAGLER in Wolf, 1822, p. 62. Manuscript name for type of *A. pachyura*. Not available as published in synonymy (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 11d).

*Amphisbaena flavescens* WIED, 1825a, no. 9. *Terra typica*: "Bahía Belmonte, . . . grossen Waldungen am Flusse Mucurí," Brazil. Restricted to "mouth of Mucurí River" (Gans, 1962c, p. 7). Lectotype: A.M.N.H. No. 1098 (Gans, *ibid.*).

*Amphisbaena beniensis* COPE, 1885, p. 184. *Terra typica*: "Upper Beni River, Bolivia." Holotype: A.N.S.P. No. 11343.

*Amphisbaena alba* var. *radiata* COPE, 1885, p. 194. *Terra typica*: Unknown. Type: Lost.

*Amphisbaena alba* var. *dissecta* COPE, 1885, p. 194. *Terra typica*: "Venezuela." Holotype: A.N.S.P. No. 9693.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Vanzolini (1955, p. 683) and Gans (1962c, p. 10).

RANGE: Forested lowlands of South America, from Panama(?) through Venezuela, Trinidad, and the Guianas; Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia east of the Andes; Brazil and northern Paraguay.

##### *Amphisbena angustifrons* Cope

*Amphisbena angustifrons* COPE, 1861b, p. 76. *Terra typica*: "Buenos Ayres," Argentina. Holotype: A.N.S.P. No. 9690.

*Amphisbena knighti* PARKER, 1928, p. 383. *Terra typica*: "Bonifacio, Argentina (approx. 36° 18'W)." Holotype: B.M. No. 1928.5.2.1:RR1946-8.31.76. Paratypes: B.M. No. 1927.5.26.4 (Bonifacio); B.M. Nos. 1909.11.2.8:RR1946.8.8.71, 1909.11.2.9:RR1946.8.8.72 (Ajo, Province of Buenos Ayres); B.M. No. 1902.7.29.65 (Tucuman).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1965b, p. 13).

RANGE: Central and northern Argentina to Bolivia.

**Amphisbaena bahiana** Vanzolini

*Amphisbaena bahiana* VANZOLINI, 1964, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Vila Nova, Bahía, Brasil." Holotype: D.Z. No. 1259.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1964e, p. 412).

RANGE: Bahía, Brazil.

**Amphisbaena bakeri** Stejneger

*Amphisbaena bakeri* STEJNEGER, 1904, p. 681. *Terra typica*: "Lares, Porto Rico." Holotype: U.S.N.M. No. 25541. Paratypes: U.S.N.M. No. 25537 (Lares); U.S.N.M. No. 27458 (Puerto Rico).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 121) and Thomas (1966, p. 3).

RANGE: North-central portion of extreme western Puerto Rico.

**Amphisbaena caeca** Cuvier

*Amphisbaena caeca* CUVIER, 1829, p. 73. *Terra typica*: "Martinique" = Puerto Rico (cf. Stejneger, 1904, p. 675). Lectotype: M.H.N.P. No. A550 (Gans and Alexander, 1962, p. 123). Lectoparatypes: M.H.N.P. Nos. 3114-3115.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 123) and Thomas (1966, p. 5).

RANGE: Puerto Rico, with the possible exception of the western extremity of the island; also on Caja de Muertos.

**Amphisbaena camura** Cope

*Amphisbaena camura* COPE, 1862, p. 350. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay." Syntypes: U.S.N.M. No. 5860 (two specimens).

*Amphisbaena boliviensis* WERNER, 1910b, p. 35. *Terra typica*: "Prov. Beni, Bolivia, Quellgebiet des Amazonas." Syntypes: Formerly Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg; destroyed.

*Amphisbaena camura boliviensis* MERTENS, 1929, p. 60. *Terra typica*: "Villa Montes, Rio Pilcomayo, Süd Bolivien." Holotype: S.M.F. No. 22099. Paratype: S.M.F. No. 28105, anterior half of specimen only.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1965b, p. 22).

RANGE: Central and northern Argentina, Paraguay, Amazonian Bolivia, Brazil (Mato Grosso).

**Amphisbaena carvalhoi** Gans

*Amphisbaena carvalhoi* GANS, 1965a, p. 625. *Terra typica*: "Poção, Municipio de Pesqueira,

Pernambuco, Brazil . . . on the Serra de Acahy at 1035m . . . in broken up granite gravels." Holotype: M.N. No. R2095. Paratypes: M.N. Nos. R1759, R2093, R2094, R2096-R2098; S.U. Nos. 17289, 17290.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Amphisbaena cubana cubana** Gundlach and Peters

*Amphisbaena cubana* GUNDLACH AND PETERS in W. C. H. Peters, 1878b, p. 780. *Terra typica*: "Cuba." Syntypes: Z.M.U. Nos. 6904, 9384.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 97).

RANGE: Eastern Cuba, west to Cienfuegos; Isla de Piños.

**Amphisbaena cubana barbouri** Gans and Alexander

*Amphisbaena cubana barbouri* GANS AND ALEXANDER, 1962, p. 100. *Terra typica*: "On the east shore of the Ensenada de Cochinos, Las Villas Prov., Caleta Rosario, Cuba." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 12136. Paratypes: M.C.Z. Nos. 58788, 58789 (Marianao); M.C.Z. No. 12135 (Playa del Chivo); M.C.Z. No. 12137 (Caleta Rosario); M.C.Z. No. 13524 (Soledad); U.S.N.M., Nos. 26363, 26364 (Matanzas).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 100).

RANGE: Cuba, Havana to Cienfuegos.

**Amphisbaena darwini darwini** Duméril and Bibron

*Amphisbaena darwini* DUMÉRIL AND BIBRON, 1839, p. 490. *Terra typica*: "Montevideo," Uruguay. Lectotype: M.H.N.P. No. A3112 (Gans, 1966c, p. 231). Lectoparatypes: M.H.N.P. Nos. A3107, A3113.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966c, p. 234).

RANGE: Southern and central Uruguay.

**Amphisbaena darwini heterozonata** Burmeister

*Amphisbaena heterozonata* BURMEISTER, 1861, vol. 2, p. 527 (*Lepidosternon heterozonatum*, vol. 1, p. 309, in error). *Terra typica*: "Bei Mendoza und Tucuman . . ." ; restricted to Mendoza, Argentina (Lorenz Müller, 1941, p. 195); corrected to Tucumán, Argentina (Gans, 1966c, p. 231). Types: M.L.U. (Lorenz Müller, *ibid.*).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966c, p. 239).

RANGE: Argentina (Tucumán to Buenos

Aires) north into southern Bolivia and central Paraguay.

**Amphisbaena darwini trachura** Cope

*Amphisbaena mildei* W. C. H. PETERS, 1878b, p. 780. *Terra typica*: "Porto Alegre," Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 6255 (possibly lost). *Nomen oblitum*, petition for suppression filed (Gans, 1966b, p. 162).

*Amphisbaena trachura* COPE, 1885, p. 189. *Terra typica*: "San Joao do Monte Negro" = Montenegro, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Holotype: A.N.S.P. No. 12988.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966c, p. 237).

RANGE: Brazil (São Paulo to Rio Grande do Sul) into northern Uruguay and extreme northeastern Argentina.

**Amphisbaena dubia** Lorenz Müller

*Amphisbaena dubia* LORENZ MÜLLER, 1924, p. 186. *Terra typica*: "Piracicaba, Staat São Paulo, Brasilien." Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 26394.

Not *A. dubia* Rathke, 1863, p. 126; cf. Gans, 1961a, p. 220; China, 1963, p. 197.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1964b, p. 2).

RANGE: Brazil, states of São Paulo, Paraná, and Santa Catarina.

**Amphisbaena fenestrata** (Cope)

*Diphalus fenestratus* COPE, 1861b, p. 76. *Terra typica*: "The West Indian Islands of St. Thomas and Santa Cruz"; restricted to "St. Thomas, Virgin Islands" (Gans and Alexander, 1962, p. 131). Holotype: U.S.N.M. No. 11715.

*Amphisbaena antillensis* REINHARDT AND LÜTKEN, 1862, p. 224. *Terra typica*: "St. Thomas og St. Jan"; restricted to "St. John," Virgin Islands (Gans and Alexander, 1962, p. 131). Lectotype: K.M. No. R-449. Lectoparatype: K.M. No. R-4411 (Virgin Islands).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 131).

RANGE: Virgin Islands, Tortola, St. John, Dorothea, St. Thomas.

**Amphisbaena fuliginosa fuliginosa** Linné

*Amphisbaena fuliginosa* LINNÉ, 1758, p. 229. *Terra typica*: "America" = Guianas (cf. Vanzolini, 1951a, p. 58). Syntypes: Stockholm Museum, Uppsala Museum (Andersson, 1899, p. 7).

*Amphisbaena vulgaris* LAURENTI, 1768, p. 66. *Terra typica*: "America." Holotype: "Museo Illustris. Com. Turriana Viennae"; lost, according to Vanzolini (1951a, p. 59).

*Amphisbaena magnifica* LAURENTI, 1768, p. 66.

*Terra typica*: "America." Holotype: Seba specimen; lost.

*Amphisbaena flava* LAURENTI, 1768, p. 67. *Terra typica*: "America." Holotype: Seba specimen; lost.

*Amphisbaena americana* GRAY, 1844, p. 70. *Terra typica*: "South America; Demerara; Berbice." Lectotype: By present designation, B.M. No. V.2.1.d:RR1960.1.4.56 (Berbice). Lectoparatypes: B.M. No. V.2.1.a:RR1960.1.4.59 (South America); B.M. Nos. V.2.1.b:RR1960.1.4.57, 38.11.1.21:RR1960.1.4.58 (Demerara).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Vanzolini (1951a, p. 60).

RANGE: From Trinidad to French Guiana.

**Amphisbaena fuliginosa varia** Laurenti

*Amphisbaena varia* LAURENTI, 1768, p. 66. *Terra typica*: "America" = Panama (cf. Vanzolini, 1951a, p. 59). Holotype: Not designated. Neotype (Vanzolini, 1951a, p. 61): M.C.Z. No. 22070 (Barro Colorado Island, Panama, Canal Zone). Neoparatypes: B.M. No. 1914.5.21.25 (Pena Lisa, Condoto, Colombia); M.C.Z. Nos. 37874, 37123 (Panama City); M.C.Z. No. 24003 (Frijoles, Canal Zone); M.C.Z. Nos. 18925, 24004 (Monte Lirio, Canal Zone); M.C.Z. No. 18924 (near Gatun, Canal Zone); M.C.Z. No. 37106 (mid-basin of Chagres River and Pequeni River); U.S.N.M. No. 38399 (Chagres River-Bohio); U.S.N.M. No. 37859 (Canal Zone).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Vanzolini (1951a, p. 61).

RANGE: Panama and Columbia southward to near Villavicencio; southwestward to Ecuador and eastward to Venezuela near Trinidad.

**Amphisbaena fuliginosa bassleri** Vanzolini

*Amphisbaena fuliginosa bassleri* Vanzolini, 1951a, p. 61. *Terra typica*: "Roaboya, Loreto, Peru." Holotype: A.M.N.H. No. 56606. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. Nos. 56224 (*not* 45624), 56588-56590, 56592, 56596-56600 (*not* 56660), 56602, 56603, 56605, 56610, 56617, 56618 (Iquitos, Loreto, Peru); A.M.N.H. Nos. 56594, 56609 (Contamana, Loreto, Peru); A.M.N.H. No. 56310 (Pampa Hermosa, Loreto, Peru); A.M.N.H. No. 56611 (Cuxiabatay River, Loreto, Peru); A.M.N.H. Nos. 56607, 56613 (Roaboya, Loreto, Peru); A.M.N.H. No. 56608 (Requena, Loreto, Peru); A.M.N.H. No. 56601 (Reforma, Loreto, Peru); B.M. No. 81.5.13.33 (Cashiboya, Loreto, Peru); B.M. Nos. 1907.5.2.1.-1907.5.2.3 (Rio San Gaban, Loreto, Peru); C.N.H.M. Nos. 45471, 45472 (Iquitos, Loreto, Peru); M.C.Z. No. 45784 (Pucallpa, Loreto, Peru).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Vanzolini (1951a, p. 61) and Rhodes (1963, p. 175).

**RANGE:** Northern Bolivia, southern Peru, and the Ucayali River valley up to the upper Amazon in Loreto. The Argentine record from the Chaco Austral (Serie, 1915) apparently belongs here. The specimen is in the Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales in Buenos Aires.

***Amphisbaena fuliginosa amazonica* Vanzolini**

*Amphisbaena dubia* RATHKE, 1863, p. 128. *Terra typica*: None. Type: Lost. Name suppressed (China, 1963, p. 197).

*Amphisbaena fuliginosa amazonica* VANZOLINI, 1951a, p. 62. *Terra typica*: "Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil." Holotype: I.B. No. 674. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. Nos. 64917-64919; D.Z. No. 1927; I.B. No. 673; M.C.Z. Nos. 19540, 20663, 20664.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Vanzolini (1951a, p. 61).

**RANGE:** The Amazon Valley from Manaus, Brazil, up to Letícia, Colombia.

***Amphisbaena fuliginosa wiedi* Vanzolini**

*Amphisbaena fuliginosa wiedi* VANZOLINI, 1951a, p. 62. *Terra typica*: "Santa Maria, Baía, Brasil." Holotype: A.M.N.H. No. 1091. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. Nos. 1092, 1093.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Vanzolini (1951a, p. 62).

**RANGE:** Known from the type locality and the lower Amazon. The latter specimen is in the Departamento de Zoologia of São Paulo, Brazil.

***Amphisbaena gonavensis gonavensis* Gans and Alexander**

*Amphisbaena innocens gonavensis* GANS AND ALEXANDER, 1962, p. 111. *Terra typica*: "Point à Roquettes, Gonave Island, Haiti." Holotype: P.M. No. 3384. Paratypes: M.C.Z. No. 25549 (Petite Gonave); P.M. Nos. 3385-3389; U.S.N.M. No. 10168 (Gonave).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Thomas (1965, p. 1).

**RANGE:** Gonave and Petite Gonave, Hispaniola.

***Amphisbaena gonavensis hyporissor* Thomas**

*Amphisbaena gonavensis hyporissor* THOMAS, 1965, p. 5. *Terra typica*: "13.1 mi. (20.9 km) SW of Enriquillo, Pedernales Province, República Dominicana." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 77149. Paratypes: A.S.F.S. Nos. X9974-X9976; A.M.N.H. Nos. 92792-92795; K.U. Nos. 79824, 79825; R.T.

Nos. 754, 755; U.I.M.N.H. Nos. 55600-55602; M.C.Z. No. 77150 (5 miles northeast of Oviedo, Pedernales Province).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** None.

**RANGE:** Southeastern portion of Barahona Peninsula, Hispaniola. Known from the types only.

***Amphisbaena gonavensis leberi* Thomas**

*Amphisbaena gonavensis leberi* THOMAS, 1965, p. 7. *Terra typica*: "5 km N of Pedernales, Pedernales Province, República Dominicana." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 77218. Paratypes: M.C.Z. No. 77219; A.S.F.S. Nos. V2595, V2596 (8 kilometers north of Pedernales); A.M.N.H. Nos. 92827, 92828; A.S.F.S. Nos. V2676-V2678; K.U. Nos. 79855, 79856; R.T. No. 985; U.I.M.N.H. Nos. 55627, 55628 (Pedernales).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** None.

**RANGE:** Low elevations of northwestern Barahona Peninsula, Hispaniola. Known from the types only.

***Amphisbaena gracilis* Strauch**

*Amphisbaena gracilis* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 70. *Terra typica*: "Unbekannt, wahrscheinlich Süd-Amerika." Holotype: Z.I.L. No. 5517.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** None. The status of this form is in considerable doubt.

**RANGE:** Known from the type only.

***Amphisbaena heathi* Schmidt**

*Amphisbaena heathi* SCHMIDT, 1936, p. 29. *Terra typica*: "Baixa Verde, Rio Grande do Norte," Brazil. Holotype: C.A.S. No. 49374. Paratype: C.A.S. No. 49424 (Ceará Mirim, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Gans (1965a, p. 615).

**RANGE:** Known from the types only.

***Amphisbaena hogei* Vanzolini**

*Amphisbaena darwini hogei* VANZOLINI, 1950, p. 69. *Terra typica*: "Ilha dos Alcatrazes, S. P.," Brazil. Holotype: D.Z. No. 6905. Paratypes: D.Z. Nos. 6906-6920.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Gans (1966c, p. 250).

**RANGE:** Brazil, eastern São Paulo to Santa Catarina. Ilha dos Alcatrazes, Ilha Queimada Grande.

***Amphisbaena innocens* Weinland**

*Amphisbaena innocens* WEINLAND, 1862, p. 137. *Terra typica*: "In einem lichten Schlage von

Campéche-Holz in der Nähe des Hafen-Städtchens Jérémie," Haiti. Syntypes: M.C.Z. Nos. 3624, 3625; Z.M.U. No. 1386.

*Amphisbaena weinlandi* SCHMIDT, 1928, p. 29. *Lapsus* for *A. innocens*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 107) and Thomas (1965, p. 1).

RANGE: Southwestern Hispaniola.

#### **Amphisbaena innocens caudalis** Cochran

*Amphisbaena caudalis* COCHRAN, 1928, p. 58. *Terra typica*: "Grande Cayemite Island, Haiti." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 25550. Paratype: M.C.Z. No. 25551.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 110).

RANGE: Grande Cayemite Island, Haiti. Known from the types only.

#### **Amphisbaena leeseri** Gans

*Amphisbaena leeseri* GANS, 1964c, p. 554. *Terra typica*: "Urucum, Mato Grosso, Brasil." Holotype: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2748B. Paratypes: I.M.Z.U.T. Nos. 2748A, 2748C-2748E.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Brazil (southwestern Mato Grosso) to northern Paraguay (Rio Apa). One specimen from central Mato Grosso in the Museo Nacional collection, Rio de Janeiro.

#### **Amphisbaena leucocephala** W. C. H. Peters

*Amphisbaena leucocephala* W. C. H. PETERS, 1878b, p. 779. *Terra typica*: "Bahia," Brazil. Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 1379.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1965c, p. 402) cited this as a *species inquirenda* on the basis of two specimens.

RANGE: Brazil, Bahia.

#### **Amphisbaena manni** Barbour

*Amphisbaena manni* BARBOUR, 1914a, p. 318. *Terra typica*: "Cape Haitien, Haiti." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 8645. Paratypes: M.C.Z. Nos. 8646, 8647; U.S.N.M. No. 67113.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 113).

RANGE: Hispaniola, except for the southwestern quadrant.

#### **Amphisbaena mertensi** Strauch

*Amphisbaena mertensi* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 66. *Terra typica*: "Wahrscheinlich an irgend einem Küstenpunkte Süd Amerikas"; restricted to

"State of São Paulo, Brazil" (Gans, 1966a). Holotype: Z.I.L. No. 311.

*Amphisbaena boehlsii* BOULENGER, 1894, p. 344.

*Terra typica*: "Near Asuncion, Paraguay." Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 94.3.14.19:RR1946.8.8.80, 94.3.14.20:RR1946.8.8.81.

*Amphisbaena mattogrossensis* PERACCA, 1898, p. 1.

*Terra typica*: "Colonia Teresa Cristina; Matto-grosso, Brasile." Holotype: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2479.

*Amphisbaena carruccii* MASI, 1911, p. 230. *Terra typica*: "Cerro S. Ana, Territorio de Misiones," Argentina. Holotype: G.Z.R. No. 5556M.

*Amphisbaena boulengeri* MASI, 1911, p. 232.

*Terra typica*: "Cerro S. Ana, Territorio de Misiones," Argentina. Holotype: Department of Zoology, University of Rome, unnumbered.

*Amphisbaena albissima* AMARAL, 1932, p. 56.

*Terra typica*: "Piracicaba, São Paulo, Brazil." Holotype: D.Z. No. 1260 (in extremely poor condition).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966a, p. 534).

RANGE: Southeastern Brazil (São Paulo, Paraná, Santa Catarina, Mato Grosso) to northern Argentina (Misiones) and eastern Paraguay.

#### **Amphisbaena mitchelli** Procter

*Amphisbaena mitchelli* PROCTER, 1923, p. 1065.

*Terra typica*: "Marajo Island," at the mouth of the Amazon, Brazil. Holotype: B.M. No. 1923.11.9.90:RR1946.8.2.31.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1963a, p. 3; 1964d, p. 192).

RANGE: Mouth of the Amazon (Tocantins?), Marajo Island, and Belém, Pará, Brazil.

#### **Amphisbaena munoi** Klappenbach

*Amphisbaena munoi* KLAPPENBACH, 1960, p. 3.

*Terra typica*: "Cerro de Animas, Departamento de Maldonado," Uruguay. Holotype: M.N.H.N. No. 587. Paratypes: M.N.H.N. Nos. 173A-173D, 181A-181F, 583A-583E, 586, 588-591, 718A, 718B, 862A-862C, 863, 865A-865C (Cerro de Animas); M.N.H.N. Nos. 178A, 178B, 182 (Cerro San Antonio, Piriapolis, Maldonado); M.N.H.N. No. 714 (Carpintería, Rivera); M.N.H.N. No. 716 (Aguas Blancas, Lavalleja); M.N.H.N. Nos. 861A-861B (Zapicán, Lavalleja); Z.V.C.R. No. 37-1 (Cerro de Arequita, Lavalleja); M.N.H.N. No. 864 (Sierras de Aceguá, Cerro Largo); Z.V.C.R. Nos. 38, 142 (Cerro, Montevideo).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966c, p. 243).

RANGE: Elevated areas of the southern

and eastern portion of Uruguay, north into Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

**Amphisbaena neglecta** Dunn and Piatt

*Amphisbaena neglecta* DUNN AND PIATT, 1936, p. 527. *Terra typica*: "Chapada, Matto Grosso, Brasil." Holotype: A.N.S.P. No. 13019. Paratypes: A.N.S.P. Nos 13020–13022.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1962b, p. 169; 1964c, p. 554).

RANGE: Brazil, east-central Mato Grosso into central Goiaz.

**Amphisbaena nigricauda** Gans

*Amphisbaena nigricauda* GANS, 1966c, p. 252. *Terra typica*: "Brazil, Espirito Santo, Linhares." Holotype: M.N. No. R3305. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. No. 97205, C.G. No. 3207.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Amphisbaena occidentalis occidentalis** Cope

*Amphisbaena occidentalis* COPE, 1876, p. 176. *Terra typica*: "Valley of Jequetepeque," north coast of Peru. Syntypes: A.N.S.P. Nos. 11355–11358.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1961c, p. 7).

RANGE: Coastal plain of Peru, from Chimbote to Chiclay (C. G. No. 2767, plus three in a private collection in Lima).

**Amphisbaena occidentalis townsendi** Stejneger

*Amphisbaena townsendi* STEJNEGER, 1911, p. 283. *Terra typica*: "Piura, Peru." Holotype: U.S.N.M. No. 47987.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1961c, p. 8). It seems likely that this form must be recognized as a full species.

RANGE: Coastal plain of Peru, from Piura to Lobitos.

**Amphisbaena pericensis** Noble

*Amphisbaena pericensis* NOBLE, 1921, p. 141. *Terra typica*: "Perico, Peru." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 14631. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. Nos. 28501–28503; B.M. No. 1929.6.1.85:RR1946.8.31.83; C.A.S. No. 54614; C.N.H.M. Nos. 16106, 16107, 73371; D.Z. No. 1059; M.C.Z. Nos. 14764, 14765, 14767, 14768, 14770, 14772–14775; S.M.F. Nos. 11826, 11887, 11888; U.M.M.Z. Nos. 55676A, 55676B; U.I.M.N.H. No. 41494; U.S.N.M. No. 75970; Z.M.U. No. 29659 (Perico); M.C.Z. Nos. 14789, 14790 (Bellavista); U.S.N.M. No. 59926 (Chinchipe River); U.S.N.M. Nos. 60057, 60058 (Marañon River).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1963d, p. 3).

RANGE: Peru. "Arid inland valleys of the Chichipe and Marañoñon, from Perico on the north to Bellavista on the South" (Noble).

**Amphisbaena plumbea** Gray

*Amphisbaena plumbea* GRAY, 1872, p. 36. *Terra typica*: "Mendoza," Argentina. Holotype: B.M. No. 71.11.29.5:RR1946.8.2.7.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Parker (1928, p. 383). The status of this form and of a possibly sympatric species is still under investigation.

RANGE: South-central Argentina.

**Amphisbaena polygrammica** Werner

*Amphisbaena polygrammica* WERNER, 1900, p. 5. *Terra typica*: "Chanchamayo, Peru." Holotype: Formerly Dresden No. D1741 (Schüz, 1929, p. 6); destroyed.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None. The description reminds one of *A. occidentalis*, not of *plumbea*.

RANGE: Known from type only.

**Amphisbaena pretrei** Duméril and Bibron

*Amphisbaena pretrei* DUMÉRIL AND BIBRON, 1839, p. 468. *Terra typica*: "Brésil." Lectotype (Gans, 1965c); M.H.N.P. No. A-3110. Lectoparatype: M.H.N.P. No. A-555.

*Amphisbaena petraei* GRAY, 1865, p. 447. *Lapsus*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

*Amphisbaena subocularis* W. C. H. PETERS, 1878b, p. 779. *Terra typica*: "Pernambuco," Brazil. Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 7069.

*Amphisbaena pretrei* BOULENGER, 1885, p. 440. Emendation.

*Amphisbaena brachyura* AMARAL, 1932, p. 55. *Terra typica*: "Maceió, Alagoas," Brazil. Holotype: D.Z. No. 1248B (apparently lost).

*Amphisbaena petrei* AMARAL, 1937a, p. 197. *Lapsus*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Schmidt (1936, p. 29) and Gans (1965c, p. 391).

RANGE: Brazil (Rio Grande do Norte to Minas Gerais [Rio de Janeiro?]).

**Amphisbaena prunicolor** prunicolor (Cope)

*Aporarchus prunicolor* COPE, 1885, p. 189. *Terra typica*: "São Joao do Monte Negro, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil." Holotype: A.N.S.P. No. 12969.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966c, p. 246).

RANGE: Northern Argentina (Misiones)

and southeastern Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul, possibly north into Espírito Santo).

**Amphisbaena prunicolor albocingulata**  
Boettger

*Amphisbaena albocingulata* BOETTGER, 1885, p. 219. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay, Amer. merid." Holotype: Formerly Naturhistorisches Institut Linnea, Frankfurt-am-Main, now Z.I.L. No. 6660.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1966c, p. 248).

RANGE: Paraguay, perhaps north into Mato Grosso and Goyaz (Brazil).

**Amphisbaena ridleyi** Boulenger

*Amphisbaena ridleyi* BOULENGER, 1890, p. 481. *Terra typica*: "Porto Bello" (=Brazil, according to Boulenger, 1890) and "Fernando Noronha," Brazil; restricted to "Fernando da Noronha, Brazil" (Gans, 1963c, p. 103). Lectotype: B.M. No. 88.1.19.7 (Gans, 1963c, p. 103). Lectoparatypes: B.M. Nos. 88.1.19.8-88.1.19.16; K.M. No. R-4443; M.C.Z. No. 10789; M.H.N.P. No. 90.419; S.M.F. No. 11825; B.M. No. V.2.2a:RR-1960.1.4.39 ("Porto Bello, W. Indies" = "Brazil").

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1963c).

RANGE: Island of Fernando da Noronha, Brazil.

**Amphisbaena roberti** Gans

*Amphisbaena roberti* GANS, 1964c, p. 402. *Terra typica*: "Ypiranga, São Paulo, S.P., Brazil." Holotype: D.Z. No. 1946. Paratypes: D.Z. Nos. 755, 1947; H.M. No. 1879A; D.Z. Nos. 1257, 1937 (São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Brazil, coastal São Paulo, inland into southwestern Minas Gerais and southern Goiás.

**Amphisbaena rozei** Lancini

*Amphisbaena rozei* LANCINI, 1963, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Cabeceras del caño Majagua, Río Chajurá, afluente del Río Erebato, Estado Bolívar, Venezuela." Holotype: M.C.N.C. No. 178. Paratype: M.C.N.C. No. 13.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None. The description is brief, and it is particularly unfortunate that the species has not been compared with *Amphisbaena spurrelli* with which it shares certain characteristics.

RANGE: Venezuela. Known from the types only.

**Amphisbaena schmidti** Gans

*Amphisbaena schmidti* GANS, 1964a, p. 3. *Terra*

*typica*: "Orilla (Cunta) Carrcamo, Isabella, Puerto Rico"; corrected to Isabela, Orilla (*cuneta*) Carretera Cánovas (by M. J. Vélez in communication to R. Thomas). Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 73115. Paratypes: U.P.R.R.P. No. 1290; C.M. No. 36277 (Salinas, Puerto Rico); K.M. Nos. R4414, R4416 (Aguadilla, Puerto Rico); U.P.R.R.P. No. 2502 (2 miles east of Cueva del Indio, Highway P. R. 681, Puerto Rico.)

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Thomas (1966, p. 14).

RANGE: Northwestern Puerto Rico.

**Amphisbaena silvestrii** Boulenger

*Amphisbaena silvestrii* BOULENGER, 1902, p. 287. *Terra typica*: "Cuyaba," Mato Grosso, Brazil. Holotype: M.S.N.G. No. C.E. 28308.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1962b, p. 167; 1964c, p. 554).

RANGE: Brazil, central Mato Grosso from Rio Tocantins, west into Bolivia.

**Amphisbaena slateri** Boulenger

*Amphisbaena slateri* BOULENGER, 1907a, p. 487. *Terra typica*: "Rio San Gaban Valley, Prov. Carabaya, altitude 2-3000 feet," Peru. Holotype: B.M. No. 1907.5.2.4:RR1946.8.31.82.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the type, and from two Bolivian specimens (H.M. No. 3434 and Z.M.U. No. 10888) that possibly represent a distinct southern race.

**Amphisbaena slevini** Schmidt

*Amphisbaena slevini* SCHMIDT, 1936, p. 31. *Terra typica*: "Manaos, Amazonas," Brazil. Holotype: C.A.S. No. 49809.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1963a, p. 14).

RANGE: Known from the vicinity of the type locality only.

**Amphisbaena spurrelli** Boulenger

*Amphisbaena spurrelli* BOULENGER, 1915, p. 659. *Terra typica*: "Anda Goya, at the junction of the R. Condoto and San Juan," Colombia. Lectotype: B.M. No. 1915.10.21.9 (Gans, 1962d, p. 3). Lectoparatype: B.M. No. 1915.10.21.8.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1962d, p. 2).

RANGE: Northern Colombia to Panama.

**Amphisbaena steindachneri steindachneri**  
Strauch

*Amphisbaena steindachneri* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 81. *Terra typica*: "Brasilien (Caiçara; Matto-grosso)." Lectotype: N.M.W. No. 12343 (Mato

Grosso) (Gans, 1964e, p. 389). Lectoparatypes: N.M.W. No. 12342 (Caiçara); Z.I.L. No. 312 (Brazil).

*Rhinoblanus oxyrhynchus?* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 84. Manuscript name for types of *A. steindachneri*. Not available as published in synonymy (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 11d.)

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Mertens (1930, p. 164) and Gans (1964e, p. 391).

RANGE: Southwestern Brazil.

#### *Amphisbaena steindachneri borellii* Peracca

*Amphisbaena borellii* PERACCA, 1897, p. 8. *Terra typica*: "Caiza (Chaco boliviano)." Syntypes: B.M. No. 98.7.7.13-RR1946.8.2.23; I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2043 (two specimens).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1964e, p. 397).

RANGE: Known only from the types and one specimen with no data in the Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales "Bernardino Rivadavia" collection.

#### *Amphisbaena stejnegeri* Ruthven

*Amphisbaena stejnegeri* RUTHVEN, 1922, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Sand reef at Vreeden Rust, Demerara River, British Guiana." Holotype: U.M.M.Z. No. 55858.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans (1963b, p. 3).

RANGE: Coastal Guyana (formerly British Guiana).

#### *Amphisbaena vanzolinii* Gans

*Amphisbaena vanzolinii* GANS, 1963b, p. 13. *Terra typica*: "Marudi, British Guiana . . . on a tributary of the Kuyuwini River, at 2° 5' North and 50° East." Holotype: A.M.N.H. No. 60975. Paratype: A.M.N.H. No. 60778.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the types and two additional specimens (K.U. Nos. 69817, 69818).

#### *Amphisbaena vermicularis* Wagler

*Amphisbaena vermicularis* WAGLER, 1824, p. 73. *Terra typica*: "In provincia Bahiae, . . . aux environs de la ville de Bahia," Brazil. Holotype: Z.S.M. No. 660/0.

*Amphisbaena vermicularis centralis* AMARAL, 1935, p. 255; 1937b, p. 1705. *Terra typica*: "Canna Brava, Goiás," Brazil. Holotype: D.Z. No. 6618. Paratypes: D.Z. Nos. 1925, 6575, 6588, 6619-6622, 6673 (Rio Pandeiro, Minas Gerais); D.Z. No. 6474 (Açude Soledade, Estado de Paraíba).

*Amphisbaena spixii* SCHMIDT, 1936, p. 30. *Terra typica*: "Ceará Mirim, Rio Grande do Norte," Brazil. Holotype: C.A.S. No. 49423. Paratypes: C.N.H.M. Nos. 64421, 64422 (Marx, 1958, p. 453). C.A.S. No. 49896 (Brazil).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Vanzolini (1949, p. 105) and Gans and Amdur (1966, p. 71).

RANGE: Brazil, south of the Amazon to Minas Gerais, inland across Goiás and Mato Grosso, into Bolivia.

#### *Amphisbaena violacea violacea*<sup>1</sup> W. C. H. Peters

*Amphisbaena violacea* W. C. H. PETERS, 1854, p. 620 (again 1855, p. 49). *Terra typica*: "Inhambane, Lourenço-Marques," Mozambique. Syntypes: Z.M.U. No. 4814 (Inhambane); Z.M.U. No. 9420 (Lourenço-Marques).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: FitzSimons (1943, p. 378) and Manaças (1957, p. 5).

RANGE: Northern Zululand and Mozambique.

#### *Amphisbaena violacea vandami* FitzSimons

*Amphisbaena vandami* FITZSIMONS, 1930, p. 32. *Terra typica*: "Louws Creek, Bargerton Dist., Eastern Transvaal." Type: T.M. No. 4279.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: FitzSimons (1943, p. 380) and Loveridge (1951, p. 184).

RANGE: Eastern Transvaal.

#### *Amphisbaena xera* Thomas

*Amphisbaena xera* THOMAS, 1966, p. 7. *Terra typica*: "7 km E of Guánica, Puerto Rico, elevation 600' (183 m)." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 81019. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. No. 94170, A.S.F.S. Nos. V5722, V5723; A.S.F.S. No. V5659 (7.1 kilometers east of Guánica); A.S.F.S. Nos. V5646, V5662, U.I.M.N.H. No. 56910, U.S.N.M. No. 152588 (7.3 kilometers east of Guánica); U.M.M.Z. No. 73844 (Sabana Grande); A.S.F.S. Nos. V6148, V6408 (8 kilometers east-southeast of San Germán, on the south slope of Cerro Algarrobo); A.S.F.S. No. V6423 (1.5 kilometers west-northwest of San Germán); A.S.F.S. No. V6427 (3 kilometers northeast of San Germán); U.P.R. Nos. 84a, 84b, 86 (Mayagüez); M.C.Z. No. 36301 (16 kilometers east of Juana Díaz); A.S.F.S. No. V5800 (6.2 kilometers east of Juana Díaz); U.M.M.Z. No. 73846 (4.8 kilometers east of

<sup>1</sup> This species differs significantly from *Amphisbaena*, *sensu stricto*, and belongs either with one of the African genera or in a distinct genus. I hope to document this point in the near future.

Juana Díaz); A.S.F.S. No. V6587 (2.3 kilometers east of Juana Díaz); A.S.F.S. Nos. V6616–V6618 (4.6 kilometers west, thence 1.1 kilometer northwest, of Juana Díaz); A.S.F.S. Nos. V6646–V6657, C.M. Nos. 40577, 40578, R.T. Nos. 1333, 1334 (4.6 kilometers west, thence 1.9 kilometers northwest, of Juana Díaz); A.S.F.S. Nos. V6619, V6636–V6640 (4.6 kilometers west, thence 4.6 kilometers northwest, of Juana Díaz); U.P.R. No. 91 (no data).

#### DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Central to western parts of the southern xeric coastal plain of Puerto Rico; perhaps also on Caja de Muertos.

#### GENUS ANCYLOCRANIUM Parker

*Ancylocranium* PARKER, 1942, p. 57. Type species: *Anops somalicus* Scortecci, by original designation.

*Ancyclocranium* LOVERIDGE, 1957, p. 237. *Lapsus*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

See discussion in Parker (1942, p. 59) and Gans and Kochva (1966, p. 88). The variability of the skull shown by the latter authors suggests that this genus may be invalid and that these forms may belong in the genus *Baikia*.

#### *Ancylocranium barkeri barkeri* Loveridge

*Ancylocranium barkeri* LOVERIDGE, 1946, p. 73. *Terra typica*: "Mbemkuru River, Lindi Province, Tanganyika." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 48950.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1955, p. 177; 1962, p. 2) and Gans and Kochva (1966, p. 106).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

#### *Ancylocranium barkeri newalae* Loveridge

*Ancylocranium barkeri newalae* LOVERIDGE, 1962, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Newala, Southern Province, Tanganyika." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 67001. Paratypes: B.M. Nos. 1959.1.05.18, 1962.177, 1962.178; M.C.Z. Nos. 67002–67004.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Kochva (1966, p. 109).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

#### *Ancylocranium ionidesi ionidesi* Loveridge

*Ancylocranium ionidesi* LOVERIDGE, 1955, p. 177. *Terra typica*: "Kilwa, Southern Province, Tanganyika Territory." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 52530. Paratypes: M.C.Z. No. 52531 (Kilwa); B.M. No. 1954.1.13.68; M.C.Z. No. 53112 (Kilongo, Kilwa).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1962, p. 2) and Gans and Kochva (1966, p. 99).

RANGE: Tanganyika, Southern Province, Kilwa District.

#### *Ancylocranium ionidesi haasi* Gans and Kochva

*Ancylocranium ionidesi haasi* GANS AND KOCHVA, 1966, p. 102. *Terra typica*: "Mtene, Rondo Plateau, Lindi District, Tanganyika." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 57189. Paratypes: C.G. Nos. 1130, 1665–1682.

#### DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Tanganyika, Southern Province, Rondo Plateau.

#### *Ancylocranium somalicum somalicum* (Scortecci)

*Anops somalicus* SCORTECCI, 1931, p. 6. *Terra typica*: "Caitoi, Uebi Scebeli," Somali Republic. Lectotype (Gans and Kochva, 1966, p. 93): I.M.Z.U.T. No. 3556. Lectoparatype: M.S.N.M. No. 1294 (Benadir Province, Somali Republic).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 370) and Gans and Kochva (1966, p. 92).

RANGE: Somali Republic, mouth of Giuba River to Eggi.

#### *Ancylocranium somalicum parkeri* Gans and Kochva

*Ancylocranium somalicum parkeri* GANS AND KOCHVA, 1966, p. 95. *Terra typica*: "46° E × 8°20' N in the Haud, Northern Territory, Somali Republic, at . . . 2100 feet." Holotype: B.M. No. 1958.1.3.49. Paratypes: B.M. Nos. 1958.1.3.50, 1958.1.3.51 (longitude 45° 58' E., latitude 8° 24' N., and longitude 45° 43' E., latitude 8° 26' N., 2300 and 2350 feet).

#### DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Somali Republic, Northern Territory, Haud.

#### GENUS ANOPS Bell

*Anops* BELL, 1833, p. 99. Type species: *Anops kingii*, by monotypy.

*Anopsibaena* STEJNEGER, 1916, p. 85. New name for *Anops* Bell, believed preoccupied by *Anops* Oken, 1815, p. 358, a name later (Heming, 1956, p. 3) shown to be unavailable.

See discussion in Vanzolini (1951b, p. 115) and Gans and Rhodes (1964, p. 3).

#### *Anops kingi* Bell

*Anops kingii* BELL, 1833, p. 99; 1835, p. 391. *Terra typica*: "In Americâ Australi." Type: Apparently lost.

*Amphisbaena galeata* WIEGMANN, 1834, p. 21.  
GRAY, 1844, p. 72. *Nomen nudum.*

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Rhodes (1964, p. 3).

RANGE: Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay, and Argentina (inland to Cordoba, south to Rio Negro).

#### GENUS AULURA BARBOUR

*Aulura* BARBOUR, 1914b, p. 96. Type species: *Aulura anomala*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Vanzolini (1951b, p. 121).

#### *Aulura anomala* Barbour

*Aulura anomala* BARBOUR, 1914b, p. 96. *Terra typica*: "Brazil." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 4660.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Vanzolini (1948a, p. 275) and Cunha (1961, p. 172).

RANGE: States of Pará and Marahão (B.M. No. 1934.5.28.1 from Barra-do-Corda, Brazil).

#### GENUS BAIKIA GRAY

*Baikia* GRAY, 1865, p. 450. Type species: *Baikia africana*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Parker (1942, p. 59) and Gans and Kochva (1966, p. 88).

#### *Baikia africana* Gray

*Baikia africana* GRAY, 1865, p. 451. *Terra typica*: "West Africa." Holotype: B.M. No. 65.5.9.7:RR1946.8.2.10.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 369), Parker (1942, p. 59), and Dunger (1965, p. 217). (See comment under *Ancylocranum*.)

RANGE: Northern Nigeria.

#### GENUS BIPES LATREILLE

*Bipes* LATREILLE, 1802, p. 90. Type species: *Bipes canaliculatus* Bonnaterre, by monotypy.

*Microdipus* HERMANN, 1804, p. 289. Type species: *Microdipus* [= *Bipes*] *canaliculatus* by monotypy.

*Bimanus* OPPEL, 1811, p. 45. Type species: *Chamaesaura propus* (= *B. canaliculatus*), by monotypy.

*Chirotes* CUVIER, 1817, p. 57. Type species: "Bimane cannelé" (= *B. canaliculatus*) by monotypy.

*Hemichirotetes* DUGÈS in Cope, 1894, p. 437. Type species: *Hemichirotetes tridactylus*, by monotypy.

*Euchirotetes* COPE, 1894, p. 436. Type species: *Euchirotetes biporus*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Smith and Taylor (1950b, p. 37).

#### *Bipes biporus* (Cope)

*Euchirotetes biporus* COPE, 1894, p. 436. *Terra typica*: "Cape San Lucas, Lower California" (= Baja California, Mexico). Lectotype: U.S.N.M. No. 21324 (Cochran, 1961, p. 110). Lectoparatypes: C.A.S. No. 50187; M.C.Z. No. 11813; U.S.N.M. Nos. 8568, 12599, 21316, 21317, 21320-21325 (La Paz, Baja California, in the catalogue of the United States National Museum).

*Euchirotetes diporus* COPE, 1896, p. 313. *Lapsus*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Smith and Taylor (1950b, p. 38).

RANGE: The cape region of southern Baja California, Mexico.

#### *Bipes canaliculatus* (Bonnaterre)

*B. canaliculatus* BONNATERRE, 1789, p. 68. *Terra typica*: "Mexico"; restricted to "Mexcala, Guerrero," Mexico (Smith and Taylor, 1950a, p. 332; 1950b, p. 39). Type: Name based on "le cannelé" of La Cépède, 1788, p. 613; possibly M.H.N.P. No. A1151.

*Lacerta lumbrioides* SHAW, 1795 (1795-1802, vol. 3, pt. 1), p. 212. *Terra typica*: "Mexico." Restricted to "Mexcala, Guerrero," Mexico (Smith and Taylor, 1950b, p. 39). Type: Apparently lost.

*Lacerta mexicana* DONNDORFF, 1798, p. 135. New name for "le cannelé." *Terra typica*: "Mexico" by implication; restricted to Mexcala, Guerrero," Mexico (Smith and Taylor, 1950b, p. 39).

*L.[acerta] sulcata* SUCKOW, 1798, p. 147. New name for "le cannelé"; *terra typica* restricted to "Mexcala, Guerrero," Mexico (Smith and Taylor, 1950b, p. 39).

*Chamaesaura propus* SCHNEIDER, 1801, p. 211. New name for "le cannelé" and *Lacerta lumbrioides* Shaw; *terra typica* restricted to "Mexcala, Guerrero," Mexico (Smith and Taylor, 1950b, p. 39).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Alvarez (1964, p. 202) and Smith and Taylor (1950a, p. 332; 1950b, p. 39). See Addendum (p. 89).

RANGE: Mexico, basin of the Río Balsas, Guerrero and Michoacan.

#### *Bipes tridactylus* (Dugès)

*Hemichirotetes tridactylus* DUGÈS in Cope, 1894, p. 437. DUGÈS, 1894, p. 411. *Terra typica*: "Tecpan de Galeana, Guerrero," Mexico. Holotype: Alfredo Dugès Museum, Guanajuato,

Guanajuato, Mexico (Taylor, 1933, p. 97; Smith and Necker, 1943, p. 180).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Smith and Taylor (1950b, p. 38).

**RANGE:** Known from the type only.

#### GENUS BLANUS WAGLER

*Blanus* WAGLER, 1830, p. 197. Type species: *Amphisbaena cinerea* Vandelli, by monotypy.

See discussion in Bedriaga (1884, p. 23) and Vanzolini (1951b, p. 113).

#### *Blanus cinereus cinereus* (Vandelli)

*Amphisbaena reticulata* HOLMER, 1787, p. 30. *Terra typica*: Unknown. Type: Lost. Petition for suppression of name submitted (Gans, 1961b, p. 223). *Nomen oblitum* (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 23b).

*Amphisbaena cinerea* BAPTISTA, 1789, p. 25b. *Nomen nudum*; see Frade (1937, p. 257).

*Amphisbaena cinerea* VANDELLI, 1797, p. 69. *Terra typica*: "Lusitanica" = Portugal. Syntypes: Possibly A.N.S.P. No. 9672, collected by Vandelli and exchanged from the museum at Lisbon, plus others.

*Amphisbaena oxyura* WAGLER, 1824, p. 72. *Terra typica*: "Environs marécageux de la ville de Rio de Janeiro," Brazil, in error. Probably Iberian Peninsula (Wagler, 1830). Holotype: Not in the old catalogue of the Zoologische Sammlung des Bayerischen Staates with the other Wagler types; probably lost.

*Amphisbaena rufa* HEMPRICH, 1829, p. 130. *Terra typica*: Unknown. Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 1389 (probably lost, Wermuth *in litt.*).

[*Blanus*] *cinereus* WAGLER, 1830, p. 197. Emendation.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Mertens (1925b, p. 62, for Spanish records), Gans (1962a, p. 12), Bons (1963, p. 95), and Alexander (1966, p. 221).

**RANGE:** Iberian Peninsula. Tangier.

#### *Blanus cinereus mettetali* Bons

*Blanus cinereus mettetali* BONS, 1963, p. 104. *Terra typica*: "Tarmilate (Oulmès-les-Thermes), Maroc." Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. 1963.1015. Paratype: I.S.C.R. No. 339.009 ("Taroudannt, vallée de l'oued Souss").

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Bons (1963, p. 95). **RANGE:** Morocco, possibly into Algeria.

#### *Blanus struchi struchi* Bedriaga

*Blanus struchi* BEDRIAGA, 1884, p. 35. *Terra typica*: "Smyrna" (= Izmir, Turkey). Lectotype: B.M. No. 83.7.30.3:RR1946.8.2.9, by present

designation. Paratypes: Z.I.L. No. 5903, plus three once in Bedriaga's personal collection.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Alexander (1966, p. 221).

**RANGE:** Western Turkey.

#### *Blanus struchi aporus* Werner

*Blanus aporus* WERNER, 1898, p. 220. *Terra typica*: "Bei Mersina, ciliischen Taurus," Turkey. Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 1898.4.7.2:RR1946.8.2-15, 1898.4.7.3:RR1946.8.2.16; I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2439; N.M.W. No. 12310.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Alexander (1966, p. 222).

**RANGE:** Turkey, east from Xanthus along the Mediterranean coast to Lebanon and Israel, inland to eastern Iraq.

#### *Blanus struchi bedriagae* Boulenger

*Blanus bedriagae* BOULENGER, 1884, p. 396. *Terra typica*: "River Xantus, Asia Minor," Turkey. Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 54.10.28.24: RR1946.8.2.17, 1946.8.2.30, 1946.8.31.84-1946.8.-31.93.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Alexander (1966, p. 222).

**RANGE:** Southwestern Turkey, vicinity of Xanthus.

#### GENUS BRONIA GRAY

*Bronia* GRAY, 1865, p. 448. Type species: *Bronia brasiliiana*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Vanzolini (1951b, p. 114).

#### *Bronia brasiliiana* Gray

*Bronia brasiliiana* GRAY, 1865, p. 448. *Terra typica*: "Tropical America; Santarem, on the Amazons," Brazil. Holotype: B.M. No. 1946.8.31.77.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** None.

**RANGE:** Lower Amazon, Santarem to Belem (specimen in the Departamento de Zoologia of São Paulo).

#### GENUS CADEA GRAY

*Cadea* GRAY, 1844, p. 71. Type species: *Amphisbaena punctata* Bell (= *C. blanoides*), by monotypy.

See discussion in Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 135).

#### *Cadea blanoides* Stejneger

*Amphisbaena punctata* BELL, 1827, p. 236. *Terra typica*: "In Ins. Cubâ." Holotype: B.M. No.

1946.8.2.20. Junior homonym of *A. punctata* Wied, 1825a (= *Leposternon microcephalum* Wagler, 1824).

*Cadea blanoides* STEJNEGER, 1916, p. 85. New name for *A. punctata*.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 136).

RANGE: Western Cuba and Isla de Pinos.

**Cadea palirostrata** Dickerson

*Cadea palirostrata* DICKERSON, 1916, p. 659. *Terra typica*: "San Pedro, Isle of Pines, Cuba." Holotype: A.M.N.H. No. 2717. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. No. 2718; M.C.Z. No. 12052 (formerly A.M.N.H. No. 2719).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Alexander (1962, p. 139).

RANGE: Isla de Pinos.

**GENUS CHIRINDIA BOULENGER**

*Chirindia* BOULENGER, 1907b, p. 48. Type species: *Chirindia swynnertoni*, by monotypy.

*Amphisbaenula* STERNFELD, 1911, p. 246. Type species: *Amphisbaenula orientalis*, by original designation.

See discussion in Laurent (1947, p. 54), Vanzolini (1951b, p. 116), and Gans and Rhodes (in press) and the comments under the genus *Amphisbaena*.

**Chirindia bushbyi** Cott

*Chirindia bushbyi* COTT, 1934, p. 158. *Terra typica*: "Amatongas," Mozambique. Holotype: B.M. No. 1933.7.1.3:RR1946.8.2.5.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 397), FitzSimons (1943, p. 383), and Broadley (1963b, p. 15).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Chirindia ewerbecki ewerbecki** Werner

*Chirindia ewerbecki* WERNER, 1910b, p. 37. *Terra typica*: "Banja, 3 Stunden nördlich von Lindi, Deutsch-Ostafrika, an einer Meeresbucht. Boden schwarzsandig, nicht frei von Salz." = Mbanja, 10 miles north of Lindi, Tanganyika (Loveridge, 1941, p. 393). Holotype: Formerly in the Zoologisches Museum in Hamburg; destroyed.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 392; 1962, p. 4) and Gans and Rhodes (in press).

RANGE: Coastal Southern Province, Tanganyika.

**Chirindia ewerbecki nanguruwensis** (Loveridge)

*Amphisbaena (Cynisca) nanguruwensis* LOVE-

RIDGE, 1962, p. 5. *Terra typica*: "Nanguruwe, ca. 1600 feet, 8 miles south of Newala, Newala District, Southern Province, Tanganyika." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 67010. Paratypes: M.C.Z. Nos. 67011-67019 (plus 96 specimens).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Gans and Rhodes (in press).

RANGE: Nanguruwe and Newala, Southern Province, Tanganyika.

**Chirindia langi** FitzSimons

*Chirindia langi* FITZSIMONS, 1939, p. 8. *Terra typica*: "Punda Maira, near the Pafuri River in the north-eastern corner of the Transvaal." Holotype: T.M. No. 19197. Paratype: T.M. No. 19198.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 399) and FitzSimons (1943, p. 381).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Chirindia mpwapwaensis** (Loveridge)

*Amphisbaena mpwapwaensis* LOVERIDGE, 1932, p. 387. *Terra typica*: "Mpwapwa, Ugogo, Tanganyika Territory." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 30767. Paratype: M.C.Z. No. 30768.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 391) and Gans and Rhodes (in press).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Chirindia orientalis** (Sternfeld)

*Amphisbaenula orientalis* STERNFELD, 1911, p. 246. *Terra typica*: "Mikindani," Tanganyika. Syntypes: B.M. No. 1935.2.8.7:RR1946.8.2.18; M.C.Z. No. 21904; Z.M.U. Nos. 22067, 22407 (two specimens), 22408 (two specimens), 22409.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 396) and Gans and Rhodes (in press).

RANGE: Known from the type locality only.

**Chirindia rondoensis** (Loveridge)

*Amphisbaena rondoensis* LOVERIDGE, 1941, p. 394. *Terra typica*: "Nchingidi, 2,700 feet, Rondo Plateau, Southern Province, Tanganyika Territory." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 47951. Paratypes: A.M.N.H. Nos. 64274, 64275; B.M. Nos. 1947.3.1.6, 1947.3.1.7; C.N.H.M. No. 73372 (according to Marx, 1958, p. 452); M.C.Z. Nos. 47952-47999; U.I.M.N.H. No. 41495; U.M.M.Z. No. 86367 (two specimens) (J. A. Peters, 1952, p. 25).

*Amphisbaena (Cynisca) newalaensis* LOVERIDGE, 1962, p. 4. *Terra typica*: "Newala, on the edge of the Makonde Plateau at 2600 ft., . . . Newala District, Southern Province, Tanganyika." Holotype: M.C.Z. No. 67005. Paratypes: M.C.Z. Nos. 67006-67009; B.M. Nos. 1962.172-1962.176.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1962, p. 4) and Gans and Rhodes (in press).

**RANGE:** Rondo and Makonde Plateau, Southern Province, Tanganyika.

#### *Chirindia swynnertoni* Boulenger

*Chirindia swynnertoni* BOULENGER, 1907b, p. 48. *Terra typica*: "Chirindia Forest in S. E. Mashonaland," Southern Rhodesia. Holotype: B.M. No. 1907.7.2.3:RR1946.8.2.36.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 397), FitzSimons (1943, p. 382), and Broadley (1963b, p. 15; 1964, p. 1).

**RANGE:** Known from the type and two additional specimens from Mozambique (Broadley, 1964).

#### GENUS CYNISCA GRAY

*Cynisca* GRAY, 1844, p. 71. Type species: *Amphisbaena leucura* Duméril and Bibron, by monotypy.

*Ophioprotex* BOULENGER, 1878, p. 300. Type species: *Ophioprotex liberiensis*, by monotypy.

*Placogaster* BOULENGER, 1906, p. 203. Type species: *Placogaster feae*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Laurent (1947, p. 55, who included *Placogaster* here) and Vanzolini (1951b, p. 115), as well as comments under the genus *Amphisbaena*.

#### *Cynisca bifrontalis* (Boulenger)

*Amphisbaena bifrontalis* BOULENGER, 1906, p. 202. *Terra typica*: "Fernand Vaz, French Congo." Holotype: M.S.N.G. No. CE28163.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 383).

**RANGE:** Known from the type only.

#### *Cynisca degrysi* (Loveridge)

*Placogaster degrysi* LOVERIDGE, 1941, p. 400. *Terra typica*: "Lagos, Sierra Leone." Holotype: Formerly H.M. No. R.K. 1070-E.K. 13179; destroyed.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Laurent (1947, p. 57).

**RANGE:** Known from the type only.

#### *Cynisca feae* (Boulenger)

*Placogaster feae* BOULENGER, 1906, p. 203. *Terra typica*: "Cassine River District, Portuguese Guinea." Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 1906.3.30.34:-RR1946.9.1.13, 1906.3.30.35:RR1946.9.1.14; M.S.N.G. No. CE28162 (seven specimens).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941,

p. 401), Laurent (1947, p. 55), and Manaças (1955, p. 5).

**RANGE:** Coastal Portuguese Guinea.

#### *Cynisca haughi* (Mocquard)

*Amphisbaena haughi* MOCQUARD, 1904, p. 301. *Terra typica*: "Gabon, à environ 50 kilomètres au sud-ouest de Lambaréné." Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. 01-531.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 384).

**RANGE:** Known from the type only.

#### *Cynisca kraussi* (W. C. H. Peters)

*Amphisbaena kraussi* W. C. H. PETERS, 1878a, p. 192. *Terra typica*: "Westafrika." Syntypes: Z.M.U. No. 9375; K.M. No. R-4470.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 377; 1948, p. 213).

**RANGE:** Ghana, Banda Hills, northwest Ashanti.

#### *Cynisca lamottei* (Angel)

*Amphisbaena lamottei* ANGEL, 1943, p. 163. *Terra typica*: "Pierré-Richaud, un des sommets du Mont Nimbá (alt. 850 m.)," Guinea. Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. 1943-65. Paratypes: M.H.N.P. Nos. 1943-63, 1943-64 (Kéoulesta, Mt. Nimbá, altitude 500 meters).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Angel, Guibé, and Lamotte (1954, p. 378).

**RANGE:** Known from the types only.

#### *Cynisca leonina* (F. Müller)

*Amphisbaena leonina* F. MÜLLER, 1885, p. 700. *Terra typica*: "Tumbo Insel," Los Archipelago, Guinea. Holotype: N.M.B. No. 3806.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge, (1941, p. 379).

**RANGE:** Coastal Portuguese Guinea and Los Archipelago.

#### *Cynisca leucura* (Duméril and Bibron)

*Amphisbaena leucura* DUMÉRIL AND BIBRON, 1839, p. 498. *Terra typica*: "La côte de Guinée." Holotype: R.M.N.H. No. 3555.

*Amphisbaena macrura* DUMÉRIL AND BIBRON, 1839, p. 499. Manuscript name for type of *A. leucura*; unavailable as published in synonymy (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 11d).

*Amphisbaena petersii* BOULENGER, 1906, p. 201. *Terra typica*: "Gold Coast; and Jebba, Upper Niger, Nigeria." Syntypes: B.M. No. 93.9.6.1:-RR1946.8.2.19 (Gold Coast); B.M. Nos. 99.8.23.10:RR1946.8.31.74, 99.8.23.11:RR1946.-8.31.75 (Jebba, Upper Niger, Nigeria).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge, (1941, p. 377; 1952, p. 242).

RANGE: West Africa, Liberia to Nigeria.

**Cynisca liberiensis** (Boulenger)

*Ophioptroctes liberiensis* BOULENGER, 1878, p. 301. *Terra typica*: "Liberia." Holotype: I.R.Sc.-N.B. No. 2005.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 381).

RANGE: Liberia.

**Cynisca mulleri** (Strauch)

*Cynisca* sp.? F. MÜLLER, 1878, pp. 622, 704. *Terra typica*: "Akropong," Ghana. Lectotype: N.M.B. No. 3808, by present designation of the illustrated specimen. Lectoparatype: N.M.B. No. 3807.

*Amphisbaena mülleri* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 68. Based on F. Müller's specimens, plus one (lectoparatype) specimen from "Sierra Leone," S.M.N.S. No. 388.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 379).

RANGE: Ghana to Sierra Leone.

**Cynisca oligopholis** (Boulenger)

*Amphisbaena oligopholis* BOULENGER, 1906, p. 201. *Terra typica*: "Cassine River District, Portuguese Guinea." Syntypes: B. M. Nos. 1906.3.30.32:RR1946.8.2.46, 1906.3.30.33:RR-1946.8.2.47; M.S.N.G. No. 28164 (six specimens).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 380).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Cynisca schaeferi** (Sternfeld)

*Chirindia schaeferi* STERNFELD, 1912b, p. 250. *Terra typica*: "Japoma (Kamerun)." Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 22367.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 384). Laurent (1947, p. 55) suggested that this species belongs in this genus.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**GENUS GEOCALAMUS GÜNTHER**

*Geocalamus* GÜNTHER, 1880, p. 234. Type species: *Geocalamus modestus*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Loveridge (1941, p. 401) and Vanzolini (1951b, p. 114).

**Geocalamus acutus** Sternfeld

*Geocalamus acutus* STERNFELD, 1912a, p. 209. *Terra typica*: "Voi (Brit. Ostafrika)" and

"Deutsch Ostafrika"; restricted to "Kenya Colony, Voi" (Loveridge, 1941, p. 405). Syntypes: Z.M.U. Nos. 21941, 22297.

*Geocalamus noltei* BOETTGER, 1913, p. 270. *Terra typica*: "Moschi, Kilimandscharo," Tanganyika. Holotype: S.M.F. No. 11831 (formerly 5433a).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 403).

RANGE: Southeastern Kenya and north-eastern Tanganyika.

**Geocalamus modestus** GÜNTHER

*Geocalamus modestus* GÜNTHER, 1880, p. 234. *Terra typica*: "Mpwapwa, which is about 200 miles inland of the coast opposite Zanzibar," Tanganyika. Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 79.11.13.8.:RR1946.9.1.10-79.11.13.10:RR1946.9.1.12.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 402).

RANGE: Central Tanganyika.

**GENUS LEPOSTERNON WAGLER**

*Leposternon* WAGLER, 1824, p. 70. Type species: *Leposternon microcephalus*, by monotypy.

*Leposternon* GRAY, 1825, p. 204. Emendation.

*Lepidosternon* WAGLER, 1830, p. 197. Emendation.

*Cephalopeltis* J. MÜLLER, 1832, p. 256. Type species: *Cephalopeltis cuvierii* (= *L. scutigerum* Hemprich), by monotypy.

*Leposternum* AGASSIZ, 1848, p. 205. Emendation.

[*Sphenocephalus* GRAY, 1865, p. ? Cited from Romer, 1957. Not found.]

See discussion in Vanzolini (1951b, p. 121). This genus clearly represents the greatest remaining lacuna in our knowledge of amphisbaenid species. It has never been revised, and some of the types have been lost. Dr. P. E. Vanzolini informs me that he is currently revising it. Citations of specimens and localities without descriptions have been ignored below.

**Leposternon affine** (Boettger)

*Lepidosternum affine* BOETTGER, 1885, p. 223. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay, America meridionale." Holotype: Naturhistorisches Institut Linnea, Frankfurt-am-Main; now Z.I.L. No. 6654.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 100) included *L. boettgeri* and *pfefferi*(?) here.

RANGE: Argentina to Paraguay.

**Leposternon boettgeri** (Boulenger)

*Lepidosternon boettgeri* BOULENGER, 1885, p. 466. *Terra typica*: "Corrientes, Argentina." Holotype: B.M. No. 81.11.5.1:RR1946.8.8.59.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 100) included this form in *L. affine*.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon borellii** (Peracca)

*Lepidosternum borellii* PERACCA, 1895a, p. 10. *Terra typica*: "Chaco argentino (Resistencia)." Holotype: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 971.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 101).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon boulengeri** (Boettger)

*Lepidosternum boulengeri* BOETTGER, 1885, p. 220. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay, America meridionale." Holotype: Naturhistorisches Institut Linneae, Frankfurt-am-Main; now Z.I.L. No. 6656.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 101).

RANGE: Argentina and Paraguay.

**Leposternon camerani** (Peracca)

*Lepidosternum camerani* PERACCA, 1895a, p. 12. *Terra typica*: "Luque (Paraguay)." Holotype: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 972.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 102).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon carcani** (Peracca)

*Lepidosternon carcani* PERACCA, 1904, p. 5. *Terra typica*: "Tebicuari," Paraguay. Holotype: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2750.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 102).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon crassum** (Strauch)

*Lepidosternon crassum* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 106. *Terra typica*: "Brasilien." Holotype: Z.I.L. No. 316.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon guntheri** (Strauch)

*Lepidosternon guntheri* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 110. *Terra typica*: "Unbekannt, wahrscheinlich Brasilien." Holotype: Z.I.L. No. 313.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon infraorbitale** (Berthold)

*Lepidosternon infraorbitale* BERTHOLD, 1859, p. 179. *Terra typica*: "Bahia," Brazil. Holotype: G.U.M. (no number).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon laticeps** (Peracca)

*Lepidosternon laticeps* PERACCA, 1904, p. 3. *Terra typica*: "Urucum," Mato Grosso, Brazil. Syntypes: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2749 (three specimens).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 103).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon latifrontale** (Boulenger)

*Lepidosternum latifrontale* BOULENGER, 1894, p. 344. *Terra typica*: "Near Asuncion, Paraguay." Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 94.3.14.27:RR1946.8.8.87-94.3.14.36:RR1946.8.8.95.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 103).

RANGE: Paraguay.

**Leposternon microcephalum** Wagler

*Leposternon microcephalus* WAGLER, 1824, p. 70. *Terra typica*: "Dans les environs du village Mandiocca, . . . près de la montagne dos Orgãos, sur un grand chemin bordé d'arbres," Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Holotype: Z.S.M. No. 31500.

*Amphisbaena punctata* WIED, 1825b, p. 500. *Terra typica*: "Bei Rio de Janeiro und am Flusse Espírito Santo," Brazil. Type: Probably lost (not in the American Museum of Natural History with other Wied types). Senior homonym of *A. punctata* Bell (= *Cadea blanoides*).

*Leposternon microcephalum* FITZINGER, 1826, p. 53. Justifiable emendation.

*Lepidosternon maximiliani* WIEGMANN, 1834, p. 21. New name for *A. punctata* Wied.

*Lepidosternon macrocephalum* A. SMITH, 1848 (1834-1849), pl. 67. *Lapsus* for *L. microcephalum*, not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 104). This is the oldest name, and a catch-all, and it has consequently achieved a surprising number of references.

RANGE: Southeastern Brazil, Rio de Janeiro to Santa Catarina.

**Leposternon octostegum** (Duméril)

*Lepidosternon octostegum* DUMÉRIL, 1851, p. 149. *Terra typica*: "Brésil." Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. 7055.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon onychocephalum** (Boettger)

*Lepidosternum onychocephalum* BOETTGER, 1885, p. 224. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay, America Meridionale." Holotype: Naturhistorisches Institut Linnea, Frankfurt-am-Main; now Z.I.L. No. 6653.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 105).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon petersi** (Strauch)

*Lepidosternon petersi* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 103. *Terra typica*: "Brasilien." Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 1396.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon pfefferi** (Werner)

*Lepidosternon pfefferi* WERNER, 1910, p. 35. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay." Holotype: Formerly in the Zoologischen Museum, Hamburg; destroyed.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, pp. 101, 106) listed this species as a possible synonym of *L. affine*.

**Leposternon phocaena** (Duméril and Bibron)

*Lepidosternon phocaena* DUMÉRIL AND BIBRON, 1839, p. 507. *Terra typica*: "Buenos-Ayres," Argentina. Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. A488.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 106).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon polystegoides** Schmidt

*Leposternon polystegoides* SCHMIDT, 1936, p. 31. *Terra typica*: "Lake Papary, Rio Grande do Norte," Brazil. Holotype: C.A.S. No. 49866. Paratypes: C.A.S. Nos. 49375, 49533, 49534, 49863; C.N.H.M. Nos. 64425, 64426.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Leposternon polystegum** (Duméril)

*Lepidosternon polystegum* DUMÉRIL, 1851, p. 149. *Terra typica*: "Bahia," Brazil. Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. A5124.

*Lepidosternon grayii* GRAY, 1865, p. 452. Name attributed to A. Smith MS. *Terra typica*: "South America?" Holotype: B.M. No. 48.6.26.11.: RR1946.9.1.7.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Schmidt (1936, p. 31).

RANGE: Bahia, Brazil.

**Leposternon rostratum** (Strauch)

*Lepidosternum rostratum* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 99. *Terra typica*: "Bahia." Syntypes: Z.I.L. Nos. 314, 315.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Leposternon scutigerum** (Hemprich)

*Amphisbaena scutigera* HEMPRICH, 1829, p. 129. *Terra typica*: "Brasilia." Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 1398.

*Cephalopeltis cuvieri* J. MÜLLER, 1832, p. 256. *Terra typica*: "Brésil." Holotype: Possibly M.H.N.P. No. A-5125.

*Lepidosternon hemprichii* WIEGMANN AND RUTHE, 1831, p. 186. New name for *Amphisbaena scutigera* Hemprich. Redescription in Wiegmann (1834, p. 20).

*Lepidosternon scutigerum* DUMÉRIL AND BIBRON, 1839, p. 509. Emendation.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: None.

RANGE: Brazil.

**Leposternon sinuosum** (Peracca)

*Lepidosternum sinuosum* PERACCA, 1895b, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Brasile." Holotype: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 1108.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Amaral (1937a, p. 203) assigned this species to the synonymy of *L. wuchereri*.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon strauchi** (Boettger)

*Lepidosternum strauchi* BOETTGER, 1885, p. 221. *Terra typica*: "Paraguay, America meridionale." Holotype: Naturhistorisches Institut Linnea, Frankfurt-am-Main; now Z.I.L. No. 6655.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Hellmich (1960, p. 106).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Leposternon wuchereri** (W. C. H. Peters)

*Lepidosternon wuchereri* W. C. H. PETERS, 1879, p. 276. *Terra typica*: "Bahia," Brazil. Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 9389.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Amaral (1937a, p. 203) included *L. sinuosum* in a discussion of this form.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**GENUS LOVERIDGEA VANZOLINI**

*Loveridgea* VANZOLINI, 1951b, p. 114. Type species: *Amphisbaena phylofiniens* Tornier, by original designation.

See discussion in Laurent (1947, p. 52) who considered *Loveridgea*, "A." *violacea*, and *Zygaspis* as African representatives of *Amphisbaena*.

***Loveridgea ionidesi* (Battersby)**

*Amphisbaena ionidesi* BATTERSBY, 1950, p. 413. *Terra typica*: "Liwale," 10° S × 38° E, Southern Province, Tanganyika." Holotype: B.M. No. 1948.1.7.84. Paratypes: (185 total) B.M. Nos. 1948.1.7.85–1948.1.7.93, 1949.1.6.1–1949.1.6.99, 1949.1.7.1–1949.1.7.52; I.R.Sc.N.B. No. 2368; M.C.Z. Nos. 50040–50065.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1951, p. 184; 1955, p. 178).

**RANGE:** Southern District, Tanganyika.

***Loveridgea phylofiniens* (Tornier)**

*Amphisbaena phylofiniens* TORNIER, 1899, p. 260. *Terra typica*: "Udjiji, Deutsch-Ost-Africa" = Tanganyika. Syntypes: Z.M.U. No. 15669 (two specimens).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 390).

**RANGE:** Vicinity of Udjiji, Tanganyika.

**GENUS MESOBAENA MERTENS**

*Mesobaena* MERTENS, 1925a, p. 170. Type species: *Mesobaena huebneri*, by original designation.

See discussion in Vanzolini (1951b, p. 115).

***Mesobaena huebneri* Mertens**

*Amphisbaena huebneri* BOETTGER in Anonymous, 1896, p. lv. *Nomen nudum* (cf. Mertens, 1925a, p. 171).

*Mesobaena huebneri* MERTENS, 1925a, p. 170. *Terra typica*: "Inirida, Süd-Venezuela" = Colombia. Holotype: S.M.F. No. 11829 (formerly No. 5450, 2a).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Mertens (1926, p. 149).

**RANGE:** Known from the type and four other as yet unpublished specimens, two collected in the vicinity of the type locality and now in the collections of Carl Gans and the Field Museum of Natural History and two collected in Amazonian Venezuela and now in the Museo de Biología, Universidad Central de Venezuela.

**GENUS MONOPELTIS A. SMITH**

*Monopeltis* A. SMITH, 1848 (1834–1849), pl. 67. Type species: *Monopeltis capensis*, by monotypy. *Monaspis* A. SMITH, 1848 (1834–1849), pl. 67.

Alternate name for *Monopeltis*, used in plate caption only.

*Phractogonus* HALLOWELL, 1852, p. 62. Type species: *Phractogonus galeatus*, by monotypy.

*Monotrophis* GRAY, 1865, p. 454. Type species: *Monotrophis capensis* A. Smith. *Lapsus*, hence not available (Stoll and others, 1961, art. 33b).

*Dalophia* GRAY, 1865, p. 454. Type species: *Dalophia welwitschii*, by monotypy.

See discussion in Laurent (1947, p. 57) and Vanzolini (1951b, p. 121).

***Monopeltis adercae* Witte**

*Monopeltis adercae* WITTE, 1953, p. 82. *Terra typica*: "Bukena près Mulongo (distr. Ht. Lomami [altitude 617 meters], . . . sources chaudes de Kiabukwa, Parc National Upemba," Congo. Holotype: I.R.Sc.N.B. No. 2067.

*Monopeltis adercai* LAURENT, 1956, p. 242. Emendation.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Witte (1954, p. 1007).

**RANGE:** Lualaba and Tanganyika districts, Congo.

***Monopeltis anchietae* (Bocage)**

*Lepidosternon* (*Phractogonus*) *anchietae* BOCAGE, 1873, p. 247. *Terra typica*: "Humbe, dans l'intérieur de Mossamedes, près des Bords de la rivière Cunene," Angola. Holotype: In the museum in Lisbon?

*Monopeltis quadriscutata* WERNER, 1910a, p. 328. *Terra typica*: "Deutsch-Südwestafrika."<sup>1</sup> Syntypes: Formerly in the Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg; destroyed.

*Monopeltis okavangensis* MONARD, 1931, p. 95. *Terra typica*: "Vila da Ponte et de Caquindo," Angola. Syntypes: L.C.F.M. (unnumbered); N.M.B. No. 13331 (Kakindo); L.C.F.M. (unnumbered) (Vila da Ponte).

*Monopeltis devisi* MONARD, 1937, p. 69. *Terra typica*: "Mupa," Angola. Holotype: L.C.F.M. (unnumbered).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 410) included *M. leonhardi* in this species. FitzSimons (1943, p. 396) and Broadley (1962, p. 823).

<sup>1</sup> Loveridge (1941, p. 410) listed "Farm 'Neitsas,' Grootfontein" as partial type locality, implying that the three specimens cited by Werner (1910b, p. 33) were all syntypes. However, Werner clearly mentioned the fact that the "Neitsas" specimen was new and referred to one of the other two as the type. Unfortunately the "Neitsas" specimen is the only one that was not destroyed.

RANGE: From southern Angola southward to Damaraland.

**Monopeltis capensis capensis** A. Smith

*Monopeltis capensis* A. SMITH, 1848 (1834–1849), pl. 67. *Terra typica*: “24° Lat. S.” South Africa. Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 65.5.4.179:RR1946.-8.31.96, RR1946.8.31.97 (cf. FitzSimons, 1937a, p. 267).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 423), FitzSimons (1943, p. 391), and Broadley (1962, p. 823).

RANGE: Northwestern Orange Free State and northern Cape Province, extending northward to the northwestern Transvaal and southern Angola.

**Monopeltis capensis gazei** FitzSimons

*Monopeltis capensis gazei* FITZSIMONS, 1937b, p. 278. *Terra typica*: “Junction of the Magalakwin and Limpopo Rivers, Zoutpansberg District, Northern Transvaal.” Holotype: T.M. No. 13342. Paratype: T.M. No. 3477 (N’Wanedzi River, Zoutpansberg District).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 422) and FitzSimons (1943, p. 393).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

**Monopeltis decosteri** Boulenger

*Monopeltis decosteri* BOULENGER, 1910, p. 495. *Terra typica*: “Delagoa Bay,” Mozambique. Holotype: S.A.M. No. 650.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 426), FitzSimons (1937b, p. 277; 1943, p. 395), and Broadley (1963, p. 8).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Monopeltis galeata** (Hallowell)

*Phractogonus galeatus* HALLOWELL, 1852, p. 62. *Terra typica*: “Liberia, West Coast of Africa”; corrected by Hallowell, 1857, p. 50 to “Gaboon Country, West Africa.” Lectotype: A.N.S.P. No. 9684 (Schmidt, 1919, p. 603). Lectoparatype: A.N.S.P. No. 9683; possibly also A.N.S.P. No. 9682, labeled “Corisco, W. Africa” (cf. Schmidt, *ibid.*).

*Monopeltis (Phractogonus) magnipartitus* W. C. H. PETERS, 1879, p. 276. *Terra typica*: “Angeblich von Gabun.” Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 7654.

*Lepidosternum galeatum* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 121. Emendation.

*Lepidosternum dumerili* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 122. *Terra typica*: “West-Afrika (Gabon).” Syntypes: M.H.N.P. Nos. 54-07, 5358, plus one specimen.

*Lepidosternon magnipartitum* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 124. Emendation.

*Monopeltis galeata* BOULENGER, 1885, p. 457. Emendation.

*Monopeltis magnipartita* BOULENGER, 1885, p. 458. Emendation.

*Monopeltis unirostralis* MOCQUARD, 1903, p. 210. *Terra typica*: “Gabon.” Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. 01-532.

*Monopeltis boveei* MOCQUARD, 1903, p. 211. *Terra typica*: “Fernand Vaz (Congo français).” Syntypes: M.H.N.P. Nos. 02-421, 02-422.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 417).

RANGE: Gabon, French Equatorial Africa.

**Monopeltis guentheri** Boulenger

*Monopeltis guentheri* BOULENGER, 1885, p. 456. *Terra typica*: “Congo.” Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 85.3.9.1:RR1946.8.2.25–85.3.9.5:RR1946.8.2.29.

*Monopeltis boulengeri* BOETTGER, 1887, p. 649. *Terra typica*: “Kinshassa, prope Stanley-Pool, Congo.” Holotype: S.M.F. No. 11832.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 419) and Witte (1954, p. 995).

RANGE: Western Congo and French Congo.

**Monopeltis habenichti** FitzSimons

*Monopeltis habenichti* FITZSIMONS, 1937b, p. 276. *Terra typica*: “Lourenço Marques, Portuguese East Africa” (Mozambique). Holotype: T.M. No. 3400. Paratypes: T.M. Nos. 3401, 3402.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 426), FitzSimons (1943, p. 394), and Manaças (1957, p. 6).

RANGE: Known from the type locality and Manhinga, Mozambique.

**Monopeltis jugularis** W. C. H. Peters

*Monopeltis (Phractogonus) jugularis* W. C. H. PETERS, 1880, p. 219. *Terra typica*: “Westafrika.” Holotype: Z.M.U. No. 9636.

*Lepidosternon jugulare* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 124. Emendation.

*Lepidosternon koppenfelsii* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 124. *Terra typica*: “West-Afrika (Gabon).” Holotype: S.M.N.S. No. 2038a.

*Monopeltis semipunctata* BOETTGER, 1893, p. 89. *Terra typica*: “Kamerun.” Holotype: Lübeck Museum No. 191; destroyed.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 416).

RANGE: Gabon, French Equatorial Africa.

**Monopeltis kabindae** Witte and Laurent

*Monopeltis kabindae* WITTE AND LAURENT, 1942, p. 76. *Terra typica*: "Kabinda (Katanga)," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 6773.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Witte (1954, p. 1007).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Monopeltis leonhardi** Werner

*Monopeltis leonhardi* WERNER, 1910a, p. 328. *Terra typica*: "Kalahari, zwischen Kgokong und Kang," Bechuanaland. Holotype: Originally in Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg; destroyed.

*Monopeltis vernayi* FITZSIMONS, 1932, p. 36. *Terra typica*: "Gomodimo, Central Kalahari," Bechuanaland. Holotype: T.M. No. 14468.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 410) considered this species a synonym of *M. anchietae*, and FitzSimons (1943, p. 398) retained it as a separate species.

RANGE: Bechuanaland, Kalahari, and areas immediately adjoining.

**Monopeltis mauricei** Parker

*Monopeltis mauricei* PARKER, 1935, p. 582. *Terra typica*: "Monjalatsela, near Ghanzi, Bechuanaland." Holotype: B.M. No. 1933.9.9.14:-RR1946.8.2.37.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 408) and FitzSimons (1943, p. 400).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Monopeltis ocularis** FitzSimons

*Monopeltis ocularis* FITZSIMONS, 1941, p. 277. *Terra typica*: "Swart Modder, Rietfontein," Cape Province. Holotype: McGregor Museum, Kimberley, Cape Province (unnumbered).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: FitzSimons (1943, p. 390) and Broadley (1962, p. 824).

RANGE: Cape Province, Bechuanaland, into Northern Rhodesia.

**Monopeltis remaclei** Witte

*Monopeltis remaclei* WITTE, 1933, p. 168. *Terra typica*: "Lukulu près de Kiambi," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 8692.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Witte (1954, p. 998).

RANGE: Tanganyika district, Congo.

**Monopeltis scalper scalper** (Günther)

*Phractogonus scalper* GÜNTHER, 1876, p. 678. *Terra typica*: "Angola." Holotype: B.M. No. 76.7.1.2.: RR1946.8.9.1.

*Lepidosternon scalprum* STRAUCH, 1881, col. 124. Emendation.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 413) and Laurent (1954, p. 68).

RANGE: Known from the type only.

**Monopeltis scalper bulsi** Laurent

*Monopeltis scalper bulsi* LAURENT, 1954, p. 68. *Terra typica*: "Kamina, Haut Lomami," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 16179. Paratypes: R.G.M.C. Nos. 15917, 16015, 16016, 16178.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Laurent (1956, p. 243) suggested that the form may be a full species.

RANGE: Central Katanga, Congo.

**Monopeltis scalper gerardi** Boulenger

*Monopeltis gerardi* BOULENGER, 1913, p. 392. *Terra typica*: "Kikondja (Katanga)," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 1201.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Witte (1954, p. 1004) and Laurent (1964, p. 86).

RANGE: Lualaba district, Congo.

**Monopeltis schoutedeni** Witte

*Monopeltis schoutedeni* WITTE, 1933, p. 170. *Terra typica*: "Kunungu," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 8766.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 420) and Witte (1954, p. 997).

RANGE: Middle Congo and Lac Léopold II districts, Congo.

**Monopeltis sphenorhynchus** W. C. H. Peters

*Lepidosternon sphenorhynchum* GRAY, 1865, p. 454. Peters' MS name cited without description; hence a *nomen nudum*.

*Monopeltis sphenorhynchus* W. C. H. PETERS, 1879, p. 275. *Terra typica*: "Moçambique und Angola"; restricted to "Inhambane, Mozambique" (Loveridge, 1941, p. 427). Syntypes: Z.M.U. Nos. 1400, 9424 (Inhambane); Z.M.U. No. 9000 (two specimens) (Humbe).

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 427) and Broadley (1962, p. 824; 1963a, p. 8).

RANGE: Mozambique to Nyasaland, into Southern Rhodesia.

**Monopeltis vanderysti vanderysti** Witte

*Monopeltis vanderysti* WITTE, 1922, p. 66. *Terra typica*: "Wombali; Leverville (dist. de Kwango); Lac Léopold II; Kasai," Congo; herein restricted to "Wombali (dist. Lac Léopold II), Congo." Lectotype (by present selection): R.G.M.C. No.

1872. Lectoparatypes: R.G.M.C. No. 897 (Lac Léopold II); R.G.M.C. No. 962 (Kasai); R.G.M.C. No. 2309 (Leverville, Kwango).

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 414) considered this form a full species. Witte (1954, p. 1000) listed the last two mentioned paratypes as examples of *M. v. lujae*. As he did not select a lectotype of *M. v. vanderysti*, I here select it, and restrict the type locality accordingly.

**RANGE:** Lower Congo, Middle Congo, and Lac Léopold II districts, Congo.

#### *Monopeltis vanderysti closei* Laurent

*Monopeltis vanderysti closei* LAURENT, 1954, p. 68. *Terra typica*: "Kahemba, Kwango, B.C.," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 14502. Paratypes: R.G.M.C. No. 11953; also R.G.M.C. No. 14581, possibly from Leopoldville.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** None.

**RANGE:** Western Congo, known from types and a Leopoldville specimen.

#### *Monopeltis vanderysti lujae* Witte

*Monopeltis lujae* WITTE, 1922, p. 67. *Terra typica*: "Lubué," Kwango district, Kasai, Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 505.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 367) and Witte (1954, p. 1002; see note under nominate race).

**RANGE:** Kwango district, Congo.

#### *Monopeltis vanderysti vilhenai* Laurent

*Monopeltis vanderysti vilhenai* LAURENT, 1954, p. 66. *Terra typica*: "Région de Dundo (Angola)." Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 17503. Paratype: R.G.M.C. No. 17504.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Laurent (1964, p. 84).

**RANGE:** Known from the types and six other specimens.

#### *Monopeltis welwitschii* (Gray)

*Dalophia welwitschii* GRAY, 1865, p. 455. *Terra typica*: "Angola; Pungo Andongo." Syntypes: B.M. Nos. 64.7.13.34:R1946.8.20.89, 64.7.13.35:R1946.8.20.90.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 431) and Laurent (1947, p. 57).

**RANGE:** Known from the types only (cf. Witte, 1954, p. 1002, for correction of erroneous records).

#### GENUS RHINEURA COPE

*Rhineura* COPE, 1861a, p. 75. Type species: *L.[epidosternum] floridanum* Baird, by monotypy.

See discussion by H. M. Smith (1946, p. 431), Vanzolini (1951b, p. 116), and Gans (in press).

#### *Rhineura floridana* (Baird)

*Lepidosternon floridanum* BAIRD, 1858, p. 255. *Terra typica*: "Micanopy, Florida." Holotype: U.S.N.M. No. 3203.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** H. M. Smith (1946, p. 431), Neill (1951, p. 177), and Gans (in press).

**RANGE:** North-central Florida.

#### GENUS TOMUROPELTIS LAURENT

*Tomuropelitis* LAURENT, 1947, p. 58. Type species: *M. giganteus* Peracca, by original designation.

See discussion in Laurent (1964, p. 87) who has published some tentative remarks that would change the status of several of the forms. Since his tentative opinions were apparently based on statements in the literature regarding the forms, and since he did not mention FitzSimons' earlier work (1943), his opinions are cited but not followed.

#### *Tomuropelitis ellenbergeri* (Angel)

*Monopeltis ellenbergeri* ANGEL, 1920, p. 615. *Terra typica*: "Lealui Dist. (Haut-Zambèze)." Syntypes: M.H.N.P. Nos. 20.78-20.80.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 433). FitzSimons (1943, p. 388) considered this species a synonym of *T. granti colobura*.

**RANGE:** Known from the types only.

#### *Tomuropelitis gigantea* (Peracca)

*Monopeltis giganteus* PERACCA, 1903, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Congo." Syntypes: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 2844, M.S.N.G. No. C.E.36071.

*Monopeltis truncata* WITTE, 1922, p. 68. *Terra typica*: "Kwango," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 32.

*Dalophia gigantea* LOVERIDGE, 1941, p. 429. Emendation.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 429) and Witte (1954, p. 991).

**RANGE:** Kwango district, Congo.

#### *Tomuropelitis granti granti* (Boulenger)

*Monopeltis granti* BOULENGER, 1907c, p. 485. *Terra typica*: "Beira, Portuguese East Africa."

Holotype: B.M. No. 1907.4.29.33:RR1946.8.31.-98.

*Monopeltis mossambica* COTT, 1934, p. 155.  
*Terra typica*: "Caia," Mozambique. Holotype: B.M. No. 1933.7.1.2:RR1946.8.31.99. Paratype: B.M. No. 1933.7.1.86.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 434) considered this form a synonym of *T. pistillum*. FitzSimons (1943, p. 386). Laurent (1964, p. 88) considered *granti* possibly a synonym of *pistillum*, and *mossambica* a valid species or race.

RANGE: Portuguese East Africa (=Mozambique) from Beira to Mozambique.

#### *Tomuropeltis granti colobura* (Boulenger)

*Monopeltis colobura* BOULENGER, 1910, p. 495.  
*Terra typica*: "Sesheke, Barotseland," Northern Rhodesia. Syntypes: B.M. No. 1910.6.18.11:-RR1946.8.8.96; S.A.M. No. 4663.

*Monopeltis? colobura (longicauda n. sp.)* WERNER, 1915, p. 340. *Terra typica*: "Okawango," South-West Africa. Holotype: Formerly in the Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg; destroyed.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 432) considered this form a synonym of *T. pistillum*, and *T. longicauda* a full species. FitzSimons (1943, p. 388) included *T. ellenbergeri* in synonymy. Laurent (1964, p. 88) considered *colobura* a valid species, distinct from *granti*, and with *luluiae* as a subspecies.

RANGE: Upper Zambezi district, Barotse-land, and northeastern parts of South-West Africa.

#### *Tomuropeltis granti transvaalensis* (FitzSimons)

*Monopeltis granti transvaalensis* FITZSIMONS, 1933, p. 277. *Terra typica*: "Hope, between Nyl-stroom and Vaalwater, Waterberg District, northern Transvaal." Holotype: T.M. No. 14354. Paratype: T.M. No. 14353.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 434) considered this form a synonym of *T. pistillum*. FitzSimons (1943, p. 389). Laurent (1964), p. 88) considered it a possible synonym of *pistillum*.

RANGE: Western and northwestern Transvaal in southern Angola.

#### *Tomuropeltis jallae* (Peracca)

*Monopeltis jallae* PERACCA, 1910, p. 1. *Terra typica*: "Zambese (Barotseland)," Northern Rhodesia. Syntypes: I.M.Z.U.T. No. 4011; M.S.N.G. No. C.E.37466.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 433).

RANGE: Known from the types only.

#### *Tomuropeltis luluiae* (Witte and Laurent)

*Monopeltis luluiae* WITTE AND LAURENT, 1942, p. 68. *Terra typica*: "Sandoa (Ht. Kasai)," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 10848.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Witte (1954, p. 993). Laurent (1964, p. 88) considered this form a race of *colobura*.

RANGE: Known from the type only.

#### *Tomuropeltis pistillum* (Boettger)

*Monopeltis pistillum* BOETTGER, 1895, p. 62. *Terra typica*: "Sambesi, Ostafrika." Syntypes: S.M.F. No. 11833 (formerly 5455 2a), three specimens.

*Monopeltis granti kuanyamarum* MONARD, 1937, p. 67. *Terra typica*: "Mupanda," Angola. Holotype: L.C.F.M. (unnumbered.)

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 434), Broadley (1962, p. 825), and Laurent (1964, p. 87). The last-named considered this form distinct and possibly would include *granti* and *transvaalensis* in its synonymy.

RANGE: Northern Rhodesia and Angola.

#### GENUS ZYGASPIS COPE

*Zygaspis* COPE, 1885, p. 187. Type species: *Amphisbaena quadrifrons* W. C. H. PETERS, by monotypy.

*Shrevea* Vanzolini, 1951b, p. 115. Type species: *Amphisbaena quadrifrons* W. C. H. Peters, by original designation.

See discussion in Vanzolini (1953b, p. 45). A second clearly distinct species of this genus was recently discovered by D. G. Broadley.

#### *Zygaspis quadrifrons quadrifrons* (W. C. H. Peters)

*Amphisbaena quadrifrons* W. C. H. PETERS, 1862, p. 25. *Terra typica*: "Neu-Barmen, im Hereroland, an der Westküste von Afrika, im 21° südl. Br." Syntypes: Z.M.U. Nos. 4202-4204.

?*Amphisbaena ambuellensis* MONARD, 1931, p. 93. *Terra typica*: "Chimporo; Caquindo," Angola. Syntypes: L.C.F.M. (two specimens unnumbered); N.M.B. No. 13330.

DISCUSSION OF FORM: Loveridge (1941, p. 385) and FitzSimons (1943, p. 377).

RANGE: Angola, the northern parts of South-West Africa, eastward to the Kalahari.

**Zygaspis quadrifrons capensis** (Thominot)*Amphisbaena capensis* THOMINOT, 1887, p. 188.*Terra typica*: "Lac N'gami," Bechuanaland. Holotype: M.H.N.P. No. A451.*Amphisbaena quadrifrons katangae* WITTE AND LAURENT, 1942, p. 81. *Terra typica*: "Lukafu (distr. Ht. Katanga)," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 7233. Paratypes: R.G.M.C. Nos. 7221-7225, 7234-7243, 7248, 7249.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Loveridge (1941, p. 387), FitzSimons (1943, p. 377), Witte (1954, p. 986), Broadley (1962, p. 822), and Laurent (1964, p. 84).

**RANGE:** Cape Province to Congo, east to Mozambique.

**Zygaspis quadrifrons dolichomenta** (Witte and Laurent)*Amphisbaena dolichomenta dolichomenta* WITTE AND LAURENT, 1942, p. 83. *Terra typica*: "Flandria (Tshuapa)," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 6245. Paratypes: R.G.M.C. No. 6246 (Flandria); R.G.M.C. No. 10283 (Eala, Tshuapa).*Amphisbaena dolichomenta meridionalis* WITTE AND LAURENT, 1942, p. 85. *Terra typica*: "Lemfu (Bas-Congo)," Congo. Holotype: R.G.M.C. No. 2716.

**DISCUSSION OF FORM:** Witte (1954, p. 989).

**RANGE:** Moyen-Congo and Équateur districts, Congo.

## ADDENDUM

While this paper was in page proof, I received a paper by Ticul Alvarez (1966 [1964], "Variacion y descripcion de una subespecie de *Bipes caniculatus* (Reptilia; Squamata) de Michoacan, Mexico," An. Esc. Nat. Cien. Biol. Mexico, vol. 13, nos. 1-4, pp. 145-152). The following subspecies was described in the paper:

***Bipes canaliculatus multiannulatus*** Alvarez***Bipes caniculatus multiannulatus*** ALVAREZ,

1966, p. 147. *Terra typica*: "Pizandarán, 14 kilómetros al norte de El Infierilla (colina poco elevada, distante 100 a 400 metros de la orilla del Río Balsas), Michoacán," Mexico. Holotype: Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biológicas No. 1315. Paratypes: Fifty specimens collected with the holotype, plus 10 collected at Los Nopales, Michoacán.

**RANGE:** Gámbara (Alvarez, 1964), Pizandarán, and Los Nopales, Michoacán, Mexico.

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