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HEMIDACTYLUS TURCICUS (Mediterranean Gecko). USA: GEORGIA: SEMINOLE Co.: Brick wall of northwest corridor Charterhouse Inn, Bainbridge, along US Hwy 27 (30.88955°N, 84.565433°W; WGS84/NAD83). 31 July 2009. R. Birkhead. Verified by Craig Guyer. AUM 34917. New county record. H. turcicus has been documented to the north in Baker County (Jensen et al. 2008. Amphibians and Reptiles of Georgia. University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia. 575 pp.), but no records exist from Florida counties immediately to the south (Gadsden or Leon counties.; Townsend and Krysko 2003. Florida Sci. 66:204–208). This hotel has been frequented by local and regional herpetologists (including J. Jensen) during annual Macrophelys sampling trips in nearby Spring Creek for the last ten+ years, yet this is the first H. turcicus specimen collected, suggesting that at least this building has been recently colonized by this species within that time. The sudden appearance of disjunct populations corresponds to the stratified distribution pattern for this species predicted along trucking routes by Townsend and Krysko (op. cit.) and Meshaka et al. (2006. Herpetol. Cons. Biol. 1[1]:45–50). Thanks to S. Graham for reviewing this note.

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HEMIDACTYLUS TURCICUS (Mediterranean Gecko). USA: TEXAS: BLANCO CO.: State Highway 281, 2.99 km N of County Road 32 (30.094278°N, 98.423167°W; NAD27). 25 February 2008. Romey Swanson, Vincent Farallo, Jeff Troy, and Glen Hood. Verified by Toby Hibbits, Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection (TCWC 93008). Several individuals were seen under lights and one sub-adult was captured by hand. This individual represents the first recorded occurrence of this species in Blanco County (Dixon 2000. Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas: with Keys, Taxonomic Synopses, Bibliography, and Distribution Maps. Texas A&M University Press, College Station. 421 pp.).

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SCINCELLA GEMMINGERI (Forest Ground Skink). MÉXICO: CHIAPAS: Municipality of Villa Flores: 2.3 km N of Tierra y Libertad (16.2440°N, 93.2678°W; WGS84), 1095 m elev. 09 September 2006. Itzel Durán Fuentes and Edmundo Pérez Ramos. Museo de Zoología, Facultad de Ciencias, UNAM (MZFC 22725–27), 3.3 km SE Tierra y Libertad (16.2276°N, 93.30972°W; WGS84), 1294 m elev. 08 September 2006. Uri Omar García Várez and Itzel Durán Fuentes. MZFC 22728–29. All verified by Luis Canseco Márquez. First records for Villa Flores and the Sierra Madre de Chiapas (in Chiapas), second series from the state, and extends the known range in Chiapas ca. 87 km (airline) SW from the Tuxtla Gutiérrez-Cañón del Sumidero road, north of Tuxtla Gutiérrez on the southern edge of the Northern Highlands region of Chiapas (Luna-Reyes et al. 2007. Herpetol. Rev. 30:353). The closest previously known locality is about 55 km NW at Rodulfo Figueroa, Oaxaca (MZFC 15558), which is also located in the Sierra Madre de Chiapas. All specimens were active during the day in pine forest.

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AGKITRODON PISCIVORUS PISCIVORUS (Eastern Cottonmouth). USA: SOUTH CAROLINA: EDGEFIELD CO.: 15.5 km N of Edgefield, where SC Highway 25 crosses Turkey Creek. 100 m E of the SC Highway 25 bridge. 20 August 2006. Photographic record South Carolina State Museum 2006.39.1a, 1b (photographs by K. Knight). Verified by J. Camper. New county record (Gloyd