

BASILISCUS BASILISCUS. VENEZUELA: ESTADO TRUJILLO: Hacienda Valerita, Sector Los Algodonales, Monay. 5 August 1983. R. Pérez. Colección de Vertebrados, Universidad de los Andes (CVULA 3481). First state record. ESTADO TÁCHIRA: Río Doradas, 600 m, 28 km S Pregonero. 6 October 1995. Collected by Curso Taxonomía de Vertebrados (B 95), adult male captured using a Victor's (mouse) trap (CVULA 5630); Río San Agatón, Doradas. 4 September 1984. Collected by Proyecto Faunístico Uribante-Caparo, juvenile (CVULA 4448). ESTADO ZULIA: Puerto Concha, Southern Lago de Maracaibo (several specimens photographed in slide collection of Fundación Andígena: 257-258 and 266). All verified by Andrés Chacón. These reports confirm the continuous range of the species through the Maracaibo Lake basin (abundant populations were observed in diverse habitats such as mangrove, gallery forests, xerophytic riparian edges) and its penetration into the Andes along intramontane valleys up to an altitude of 1600 m. Conversely, it establishes the presence of the species on the SE slopes of the Andes toward the Orinoquian drainage. This has important biogeographic implications, but was not mentioned by La Marca and Milano (1995, Herpetol. Rev. 26:108). This may be the only known population for any member of the genus on the E side of the Andean chain.

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