

SERPENTES

ANILIUS SCYTALE. VENEZUELA: MÉRIDA: CBX 13 Island, Borde Seco Dam (07°44'30"N, 71°32'50"W). 21–22 September 2001. Grupo Ecología Animal 2001. Colección de Vertebrados, Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Ciencias (CVULA IV-6344–45). Verified by D. Cadena. First state record, north of Orinoco River and westernmost in Venezuela, ca. 430 km NW of the closest record, sector Gavilán, Puerto Ayacucho, Amazonas (Rodríguez-Acosta and Fuentes 1995–96. *Terra* 11–12:77–84). *Anilius scytale* was known from several localities in Venezuela, all south of the Orinoco River (Roze 1966. *La Taxonomía y Zoogeografía de los Ofidios de Venezuela*. Ediciones de la Biblioteca, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas. 360 pp; Lancini 1979. *Serpientes de Venezuela*. Armitano Ed., Caracas; Lancini and Kornacker 1986. *Die Schlangen von Venezuela*. Verlag Armitano, Caracas). This locality shows a wider distribution in Venezuela, not restricted to the southern Orinoco area (“región guayanesa” and “región deltaica” in Barrio (1998. *Acta Biol. Venez.* 18[2]:1–93), as expected in Hoogmoed (1979. *In* Duellman (ed.), *The South American Herpetofauna: its Origin, Evolution and Dispersal*, pp. 241–279. *Mus. Nat. Hist. Univ. Kansas Monogr.* 7). Rainforests in piedmont of the Cordillera de Mérida

(Venezuelan Andes) between 250 m and 1000 m, show a wide biogeographical array, with elements shared from four very different bio-regions: "región andina, región orocostense, región llanera," and "región amazónica," as pointed out by Barrio (*op. cit.*) for amphibians.

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the country, bordering with Colombia, and the Amazon rainforest (Lancini 1979. Serpientes de Venezuela. Armitano Ed., Caracas; Lancini and Kornacker 1986. Die Schlangen von Venezuela. Verlag Armitano, Caracas; Roze 1966. La Taxonomía y Zoogeografía de los Ofidios de Venezuela. Ediciones de la Biblioteca, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas). This locality reduces the gap between these very different bio-regions. Thus, *D. rhombifer* shows a wider distribution in Venezuela than previously considered, from the Amazon to Perijá along rainforests in Andean foothills.

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DRYMOBIUS RHOMBIFER. VENEZUELA: BARINAS: Barinitas city, 550 m. 7 July 2001. H. Sánchez. Colección de Vertebrados, Universidad de los Andes, Mérida (CVULA 6427). Verified by Yoel Morales. This rare species is known in Venezuela from two disjunct localities, the Sierra de Perijá in NW extreme of

GONATODES CONCINNATUS LIGIAE: VENEZUELA: APURE: 7 km NE La Victoria, distrito Páez. 29 April 1987. R. Rico. Colección de Vertebrados, Universidad de los Andes, Mérida (CVULA 5032). An adult male verified by Gilson Rivas. First state record and third for the country, ca. 160 km SSE of previous published records for Barinitas and Reserva Forestal Ticoporo, in the state of Barinas (Rivero-Blanco 1967 "1968," Mem. Soc. Cien. La Salle 27:104–119). This subspecies was predicted to occur in Apure (Rivero-Blanco 1979. The Neotropical Lizard Genus *Gonatodes* Fitzinger [Sauria: Sphaerodactylinae]. Ph.D. dissertation, Texas A&M University. 224 pp.). The species inhabits all piedmont rainforest and gallery forest areas in adjacent Llanos from Perú to Venezuela (Peters and Donoso-Barros 1986. Catalogue of the Neotropical Squamata. Part II. Lizards and Amphisbaenians. Smiths. Inst. Press. Washington, D.C.).

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