

DIPSAS VARIEGATA (NCN). VENEZUELA: ESTADO BARINAS: Barinitas City, 650 m elev. August 2002. D. Calcaño. Colección de Vertebrados, Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela (CVULA 6532). Verified by A. Orellana. First state record, second from the Andean piedmont, 90 km SSW from the closest record from Portuguesa state (Markezich 2002. Herpetol. Rev. 33:71). The species seems to be distributed through all of northern South America and Panama, although the limits are not well defined (Cunha and Nascimento 1993. Bol. Mus. Paraense Emilio Goeldi 9:1–191). In Venezuela it is only known from the Coastal Range (Roze 1966. La Taxonomía y Zoogeografía de los Ofidios de Venezuela. Ediciones de la Biblioteca, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas). The former known distribution and the new record suggest a corridor between the coastal range and the Andean foothills, as has recently been demonstrated for other snakes—*Dipsas latifrontalis* (Manzanilla et al. 2001. Herpetol. Rev. 32:195) and *Stenorhina degenhardti* (Barrio and Calcaño 2001. Herpetol. Rev. 32:280).

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