

11- May 1973  
 Road log for towns, stations

11 May	273.0	LV Cuatro Cienciegas	
"	275.5	- RR tracks, turn right	Following RR Track
"	277.2	Camp, 2100'	
12 May	282.4	Callejón, No Hunting sign, 2150'	
"	284.3	abd. Est. Divisadero 2150'	
"	289.0	Doblonos?	
"	294.6	Shrine (Flick) Socorro st.	
"	297.8	Esta. Socorro 2850'	
"	305.3	old abandoned station	
"	307.1	Esta. Bello	
"	323.0	Esta. Zecatoree 3500'	
"	327.7	Camp - 3650'	30.5 mi
13	333.6	Las Monjas 3750	52.5 mi
	340.6	La Curva 3600	
	343.4	La Vibora 3500	
	351.8	Matrimonio 3550	
	355.2	Est. Americanos 3500	
	363.6	Los Americanos 3575	
	369.2	EL Rey 3500	
	380.2	Camp 3750 (0.5 mi E EL Oro)	
14	382.6	Detour opp. EL Oro	
	384.0	EL Oro; sw side of tracks 3750'	
	396.4	vic. Estanque (turn around)	
	399.0	(turn around)	
	401.6	vic Estanque	
	401.8	Turn SE on road to Providencia	
	404.3	turn around	
	406.9	Estación Estanque 3575'	
	411.7	Camp 3650'	

80.2  
 27.7  
 2.5

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DATE	MILEAGE	LOCATION	
19 May	942.5	Camp 65 c. Tigris)	
	985.0	Monclova → N to Hermanas	
	4602.	Hermanas	17:30 hrs
	46010.7	"	
	46016.0	" La F. points south, 1300'	2130 hrs
	46044.0	No Kvall	
20 May	46076.1	Monclova, 1900'	22:10
		Camp 3100'	23:05
	46077.8	Collecting spot, 3200'	7:05
	081.6	" " 3550	10:25
	083.8	Cuesta de La Muralla 3700'	
	086.0	Top of pass 4300'	
088.0	San Lazaro 4050		
091.2	Coll. spot. 3600'		
115.1	" " 3000	11:20	
130.9	" " 3100	12:10	
133.1	Santa Cruz, 3200'	13:00	
136.2	Rancho Nuevo	13:05	
166.6	Junct. (By Pass) Saltillo-SLP	14:20	
180.1	Coll. spot. on Rio Chorro, 1200', (Feb)	17:10	
194.1	Pemex-Saltilla, Ran into Kvall	17:30	
228.6	San Antonio 7400'	18:48	
240.2	Camp -		
242.1	Top of Crest 9500' ± (Return to camp)	19:20	
243.9	Camp		
21 May	255.4	San Antonio	
	268.2	<u>Secleros scalaris?</u>	
	292.3	Junct - 57 + 40 (W. of Saltillo) 5300'	
	372.6	Parla (Junct. to Parica) 4150'	
	421.8	La Cruzilla	
	783.5	E. Zapata	
440.2	Bilbao (Camp) 3250'		

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11 May 1973 College Station, Texas to vicinity of Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila  
 LEFT C.S. 7:15 AM; drove to Eagle Pass, arriving there  
 1:30 PM; bought fresh can; collecting bag; + gas. Crossed  
 border 2:30 PM - no trouble; arrived Estacion Hermanas  
 6:15; took dirt road to San Buena Ventura; (29.2 mi of dirt)  
 + arrived <sup>7:45 PM</sup> 8:30 PM, ate + LEFT for Cuatro Ciénegas; road  
 collected to C.C., 1 DOR Pituophis; AOR Coleonyx.  
 Arr. C. Ciénegas 9:55 PM; (38 mi). Drove up to N. to Pass;  
 found DOR S. undulatus + B. punctatus; returned to C.C.;  
 + gassed up; drove S. to R.R. Tracks (saw DOR C. atrox)  
 + turned right on dirt road + traveled 1.7 mi W + camped  
 for night - now 11:15 PM.

12 May 1973 1.7 mi W. Hwy 30 + RR junction to 4.7 mi W. Estacion Zacatosa Coa.  
 Up at 7 AM; ate cookies + coffee; + drove on dirt road to  
 following points (collecting along way) - abandoned Estacion  
 Divisadero, 2.150'; 8.8 mi W RR + 30 unit; Deblones, 13.5 mi W;  
 Estacion Socorro, 28.50'; 22.3 mi W; old abandoned station;  
 29.8 mi W; Estacion Los Bellos, 31.6 mi W; Estacion  
 Zacatosa 3500', 47.5 mi W; + camped at 6:30 PM; 4.7 mi  
 W. of above Estacion; 3650'. Along the route we collected  
 1 bird, 4 C. tigris, 4 S. merriami; 2 Uta stansburiana.  
 Recorded temp. on nearly all lizards. Recorded all  
 mileages + elevations. Vegetation typically Chihuahuan  
 Desert along route; with Crucifixion thorn; Guayacan,  
 White thorn; Lechugilla, Creosote Bush; Candelaria;  
 various sp. of cacti; some sotol + Agave on flats +  
 hillsides. Wind blew very hard all day; as much as  
 30 mi/hr; + raised a lot of dust. Not much collecting done.  
 road very bad; rock-cloy etc. - many annoyas to cross +  
 travel down. One good rain will wipe out road. .... Now  
 raining at camp. 52.5 mi this date

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J.R. DIXON 1973-2

13 May 1973

4.7 mi W. Est. Zacatosa to 0.5 mi E. EL Oro 3750', Coahuila

Up at 7:00 am; eggs + Bacon breakfast; found Cophasaurus just away from truck; headed west; following dirt road along RR tracks; just 0.8 mi E Estacion Las Manjés; 3725', found 3 C. tigris, 1 C. brevis, 1 M. flagellum, + 1 P. modestum. Area partly adobe flat + creosote hillside. Drove on past La Curva Estacion, 3600'; La Vibora Estacion 3500'; + collected 4.8 mi E Estacion Matrimonio 3550'; U. stansburiana, C. tigris, H. maculata + S. magister. Area of sandy adobe, old dry presa; mesquite thicket + hummocks; 0.4 mi W Matrimonio found 2 C. tigris; mesquite-creosote flat; drove past Estacion Americanos + collected 1.7 mi E Los Americanos (Ranch) 3500'; 1 C. septentris juv.; also 0.8 mi E Los Americanos 3575'; 1 C. tigris. Drove on to Estacion EL Rey, 3500'; + Past Estacion Presa + on to N. side of Mts surrounding Estacion EL Oro; camped next to Large Presa, 0.5 mi E Estacion EL Oro, 3750'. Mesquite-creosote slopes, + rocky hillsides. Found (in P.M.) 30 B. punctatus, 10 B. cognatus, 11 Gastrophryne olivacea, <sup>2 R. pipiens</sup> 1 S. couchi, + 1 B. debilis; 3 T. cyrtopsis on hillside. Set up bat net, + caught 2 cowbirds, 1 Painted Bunting, 1 sparrow, + 1 Green Warbler. Caught by hand; one Plover, + 1 Paroquethus merriami. Checked bat net several times, but caught no bats. Saw some flying however. Bad headache this PM. Traveled some 52.5 mi this date; all dirt!! Now raining + may have road problems tomorrow.

14 May 1973

0.5 mi E Est. EL Oro to 4.8 mi SW Est. Estanque, 3650' Coahuila

up at 7 am; head ached all night; no rain clouds this am; took down bat net; ate cookies for breakfast; + collected for C. tigris until 10:45 am; (3); also 1 P. cornutum ♂; road to EL Oro flooded; detoured by trail for 3.8 mi to go 1/2 mi, + crossed RR tracks + headed south; slipping + sliding from last night's rain.

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J.R. Dixon 1973-3

14 May 1973 Continued

Collected S. magister + B. collaris within 5 mi S EL Oro; drove on to 0.5 mi N. Esta. Estanque; 3750'; + found intergrades between C. t. marmoratus + C. t. pulcher!! This is what we have been searching for, for 4 days. Backed tracked road for 2.6 mi; + found C. t. marmoratus genes more prevalent than pulcher genes. Drove to Esta. Estanque, turned LEFT on road to La Providencia + collected 2.6 mi E. Esta. Estanque; 3600'; + found marmoratus genes still abundant. Drove 4.8 mi SW. Esta. Estanque 3650'; + found good pulcher. We finally pinpointed the intergrade zone!! Preserved day's catch, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM; then big storm blew in + it's now 9:20 + still raining - we may never get out of here!! Had Tuna Fish Casavole for supper. Fred cooked + I did dishes. Hope to stay here long enough to pick up sexes of S. tigris in morning; but with hard rain; Cnemys may not come out!! Rain stopped 9:30 PM. Big Truck came by, so road must be passible!! Fred found grasshopper + 2 Bufo punctatus; down road away!!

15 May 1973 4.8 mi SW Estacion Estanque to 1.6 W. Bermejillo, Durango

I'm up at 7:10; miserable night, cold, rainy, + windy. Still raining! 8 am; Fred not up yet; looks as if whole day will be wet; + I doubt if we will find any Cnemys out. First time in many years I've seen the desert so wet. Cressate dominant plant around campsite, with Ocotilla, opuntia, catclaw in draws, + a few clumps of mesquite where water tends to stand. Following rains. Candelstick cholla, tasajillo, + beaver tail abundant in patches. LEFT camp 10 am; made 2.9 mi + got stuck; got out of that one easy, drove 0.8 mi + stuck again, took 58 min to get out of that one; drove 2.9 mi + road now impassible!

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J.R.D. 1900 1973-4

15 May 1973 (Continued)

Pickup tried crossing adobe arroyo, we helped them through; they said road was possible by roundabout route, we followed them back towards campsite 5.3 mi, & they showed us another road & we tried it. It wasn't much better than first. Found P. modestum on this route. Came to "T" in road & took LEFT turn down hill, across adobe flat, & finally reached Rancho Guimbalote 3:25 pm. Had to drive thru sand-mud tracks to Estacion Guimbalote, some 0.2 mi away; almost didn't make it. Camper jolted so much that front window shattered; spare tire fell off, & everything in camper was in shambles. Closet shelves fell; refrigerator popped open & mess everywhere. We couldn't find road out, so I walked to Rancho, found two trucks heading to Carrillo, so we followed them. Road almost impassible, nearly stuck enough times to make my stomach churn. Finally arrived Carrillo 6:45 PM. Cleaned up mess; took road to Escalon; dirt, but passible, not as much rain; lost cover to water heater along way. Arrived Escalon 8:12 pm. & the HWY!! Drove to Ceballos & bought fruit & on to Bermejillo for gasoline. Truck only holds 40 gals & we put in 43 gals!! Drove 1.6 mi W. Bermejillo on Hwy 30, & camped nr. old quarry. Heard frog calls in distance, walked about mile & found Bufo cognatus (1), Bufo debilis (33), & Scaphiopus cauchi (9). Turned in at 12:30 am - Dead Tired for I walked out all the bad parts of roads before we traversed them.

16 May 1973 1.6 mi W. Bermejillo, Durango to 2.3 mi S. Matamoros, 3500', Coahuila  
 Up at 7:00; ~~egg~~ breakfast; collected hillsides & flats nr camp until 3:10 PM; found Hypsiglena, Coleonyx brevis, C. tigris, C. scalaris, Cophasaurus texanus, P. modestum, S. magister, Uta, Crotaphytus;  
 Drove to lower pass, below Mapimi, & collected C. tigris & C. scalaris, drove W, above Mapimi, & found only C. scalaris.

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J.R. DIXON 1973-5

16 May 1973 (Cont.) Found DOR P. cornutum just E. of Mapimi; Drove 13.6 mi W. Mapimi, 5000' in pass, + preserved herps, ate supper, + road collected all the way to Matamoros, Coahuila: (75 mi). Found two Crotalus scutulatus, 3 Rhinacheilus, Bufo cognatus, Scaphiopus couchi: As we drove thru G. Palacio + Torreón; many B. cognatus could be heard calling from roadside ditches. It rained hard this date in the Bolson. Camped 2.3 mi S. Matamoros, 12:30 am. -

17 May 1973 vic. Matamoros, Coahuila to 39.2 mi NE San Pedro, 2800, Coahuila  
 Up at 8 am, banana breakfast; rainy, overcast; rained off and on all day; very difficult to collect C. tigris in rain!! Finally in overcast sky, found 5 C. tigris, Uta, Uma, Masticophis, DOR Arizona, Rhinacheilus, + Heterosaurus. Drove to Emiliano Zapata, + took road to Viesca; stopped near dunes in rain, + found old Hollywood set in village of Bilbao, some 7.4 mi SE of Zapata. Heard bats in old church, but couldn't collect them. returned to Zapata + headed N to San Pedro; bought fruit in market, gassed, + headed northeast on Hwy 30, towards Cuatro Cienciegas. Had sardines for lunch. Stopped some 36.2 mi NE San Pedro; just below pass by Sierra del Venado; + I collected in rain (Coleonyx, Crotaphytus S. morriami) while Fred cleaned up camper. Preserved herps, + now 2:30 pm; + Fred is fixing supper (fish + papas). I washed dishes, road collected back towards San Pedro for 12 mi; found B. cognatus, B. punctatus, B. delticus on road; returned for 17 mi towards Cuatro Cienciegas; nothing, returned 4 mi to side road + gravel pit, + camped for night. This spot some 39 mi NE San Pedro; now 10:45 pm; + turning in early for a change - Perhaps we will see the Sun tomorrow!! If things do not warm up; we can't solve many problems. Hope to find a spot to bathe tomorrow - Boy, do I smell bad!!

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J. R. D. 1100 73-6

18 May 1973 Coahuila: 39.8 mi NE San Pedro 2800' to 11 mi E Cuatro Ciénegas

Up at 8:am; egg breakfast; preserved few herps + collected around camp site to 12:48PM; got 17 C. tigris (inter.) 1 C. scalaris; 4 Uta 12 S. painsetti. Drove up canyon (pass) towards San Pedro, + collected 9.1 mi up canyon, (other side of pass) + got 6 C. tigris variolosus, 3 C. scalaris; 2 Cophesaurus; turned around + headed back towards camp site (3.8 mi) + collected 1 C. tigris v., 3 C. scalaris; drove another 1.6 mi + collected 9 C. scalaris + saw C. tigris but could not collect them (3400'). Time 15:20pm; + tigris scarce + going in. ate quick sandwich + drove on to 28.4 mi SW C. Ciénegas, 2850', + picked up DOK C. callavis. stopped at Ciénegas some 10 mi SW C. Ciénegas + took flicks; Drove on to C. Ciénegas where we had flat fixed. Had flat near campsite; bought bread; fruit, white wine, + drove to stream up canyon to north, where we bathed, shaved, changed clothes; + had spaghetti, bread + wine for supper. Left at 21:30; + headed SW, 10 mi, then NE 15 mi; + then E 11 mi road collecting; found nothing. Camped where I collected in Aug. 1972; To bed by 23:30pm: No rain this date!! but slight sprinkle on Fred. ♀

19 May 1973 Coahuila: 11.2 mi E Cuatro Ciénegas 2100' to

Collected around camp to 13:45PM; only 5 C. tigris; hot + dry, cold night; drove to San Buenaventura for Brunch; Left there 3pm Drove to Monclova, gased, bought battery; changed out batteries in truck; + drove to Estacion Hermanas to meet Kroll, arrived there 17:30 hrs. Photo of C. tigris + Xanthomeryki Rhinoscheilus. Now 18:20 + no sign of Kroll. Now 2100 + no Kroll! Fixing supper of Avacado salad, too hot to eat warm meal. Will leave for pass south of Monclova after supper. Kroll will have to make it on his own! Leave Hermanas 2130! Camped 31.6 mi S. Monclova: 11:05 AM



1973

J.R.D (XND) 73-7

20 May 1973

31.6 mi S. Monclova 2100', to 11.6 mi E San Antonio, 9300', Coahuila  
 Up at 7:am; sweet bread + coffee breakfast; drove 1.9 mi S. of  
 camp + collected C. inornatus, S. undulatus, S. poinsettii, C. texanus,  
 + P. modestum. Drove to 6.4 mi N. San Lazaro 3550', + collected two  
C. scalaris, 3.2 mi S. San Lazaro; C. tigris, C. inornatus, Uta,  
S. undulatus. 25.3 mi N. Santa Cruz 3300', DOR C. collaris ♀  
 with 10 eggs + 18 mi N. Santa Cruz 3000', C. tigris, C. inornatus,  
C. scalaris; 2.3 mi N. Santa Cruz, 3100', C. tigris; 15.5 mi N Santa  
 Cruz, 3100', DOR C. texanus. Reached Saltillo 2:PM; ate lunch  
 + drove to 14.4 mi S. Saltillo, 2200', Rio Chorro; collected Fish +  
 preserved keeps; returned to Saltillo for gasoline; with intention  
 to drive to Ceballos. Entered Gas Station + there was J. C. Krall  
 + Co.; also getting up. They had lost two cars; + one was  
 acting up. We then drove up mountain to San Antonio + 11.6 mi E,  
 + camped at Locality collected at in August. Camped about 8:10  
 pm. - Fred + I drove to top of crest, (1.9 mi beyond camp, to see  
 what it looked like. Returned to camp before dark. Had  
 supper with Krall + Co.; + campfire. Tr. bed by 11:30 PM.

21 May 1973

Coahuila: 11.6 mi E San Antonio to 6.3 mi E E. Zapata, 3750', Coahuila.  
 Up at 7:00 am, really cold last night, Frost; collected vicinity  
 camp + crew found Storeria, Baxisia, Eumeces, S. scalaris,  
S. grammicus, Pseudoeurycea. Left at noon; + Fred + I  
 drove on to gas station; rest followed! Black VW without starter,  
 3 students spent morning in Saltillo trying to get it fixed.  
 No luck. VW stalled at Gas station; 25 mi out of Saltillo, +  
 half way to Torreón (Parras turnoff) Fred + I leading pack,  
 had to stop + wait 30 min to hour for team to catch up. (only  
 105° in shade). We finally drove map for Krall + went on to  
 camp site, 0.5 mi E Bilbao, odd Movie site (Wild Bunch).  
 Team caught up about 7 PM. Took flicks of camp + site

21 May 1973 (cont.)

Collected around camp + got Uma, Uta, + Crotaphytus wislizeni.

Kroll + crew ran roads after supper + I walked dunes with 2 students + found Coleonyx, B. cognatus, + Dipodomys.

In bed by 11 pm.

22 May 1973 6.2 mi E Zapata, 3700', to Julimás, Chihuahua 3900' (Rio Conchos)

Kroll had crew up early + he + I walked dunes + collected Uta, Uma, + Cnemidophorus tigris. Broke camp at 10:30 am;

+ Fred + I headed for Caballos locality + told Kroll to meet us there. Took us 45 min to get through Torreón-Placios.

Reached the Caballos locality (125 mi NW) at 1:15 pm. +

collected until 2:30 pm. Got S. undulatus, S. magister,

H. maculata, C. inornatus + C. scalaris. Drove into village

of Caballos + ate lunch (no breakfast!). Now 4: PM; +

Kroll hasn't shown up yet. We are now heading towards Rio Conchos, some 50 mi S. Chihuahua City for camp site.

That is, as soon as Kroll shows up. We saw no C. tigris,

here, which was what we rushed up here to find! Left

note on truck + walked to edge of village + collected lizards

(1? Holbrookia, 5 Sceloporus v., + 2 C. scalaris) with rubber

bands. Returned at 6:00 pm; + Kroll + Co. were just pulling

in. One student violently sick; Kroll had to take him to

hospital. Half of crew down with Montie's Revenge. They

are buying Kaopectate by the gallon! Fred gave Kroll map

for campsite, + Fred + I took off at 6:30 pm; arrived on

Rio Conchos 10:30 pm. Had Sandwich (First Food in 9 hrs)

+ Avacado Salad supper; washed dishes, + Kroll pulled in at

11:30 pm. Now 1:05 am; + I'm best!! Fred's out collecting, +

Kroll + crew on road collecting. + I'm turning out light

+ zzzz ~~~~~ (306 mi this date!!) 68 lizards ~

23 May 1973 Julimes, Chihuahua to Presidio, TEXAS

Up at 7:45m; jumped in Rio for bath; seized for Fish; Kroll + Crew  
 LEFT for Chihuahua 10:30am; Fred + I stayed behind + preserved  
 68 Lizards from 9am to 2pm; LEFT after Lunch of sandwich +  
 Genena. Reached Chihuahua at 3:10pm; shopped for 2 1/2 hrs for  
 Mary + kids + was zilted. Looked in 20+ stores for earrings  
 + other things; absolutely nothing. - No market in Chihuahua,  
 which was a shock to me. Drove to designated spot to meet  
 Kroll - at 6:00pm. it is now 7:10pm; + no Kroll.!! One of  
 these days I'll kill HIM!! IF he doesn't show up in another  
 hour, Fred + I are leaving for Presidio! 7:20pm - Kroll  
 shows up - with his famous statement "you won't believe this!!"  
 + we take BFF for Ojinaga. Most of road paved; only  
 one bad stretch near Ojinaga (20 mi SW). Found 1 AOR E.  
subocularis 17.2 mi E Coyame, 2850'; + 1 AOR C. brevis 21.6 mi  
 E Coyame, 2800'. Arrived Ojinaga-Presidio bridge 23:30hrs; +  
 crossed with no problems. Drove to hilltop above Presidio for  
 camp, alongside Hwy 67. Went back into town + called Mary, all ok!!  
 Back to camp + to bed!! really best.

Presidio Texas to College Station, TEXAS

Up at 8am; Fred sick all night, going to the ends. I get Kroll +  
 Co. off for Ojinaga + BBNP by 9:30; + Drive Fred to Mar Fa  
 for cream wheat breakfast. Still not well; Drove to Junction of  
 Hwy 29 + 290 for reststop + let Fred sleep some. Now 2:10 PM +  
 I'm best with headache! Lv 2:30 PM; Drove to Mansard + met  
 Fred's Mom + Dad; arr. 6:45 PM; Lv 8: PM; had supper there;  
 arrived Home 12:30 am - dead tired!!

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