

MEXICO TRIP w/ J.W. Sites, M.J. McCoid,
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5 June 1979 LV. college station, Tx, 7:20am; Drove Joanne sites to Houston Intercontinental Airport; Drove from there to Brownsville; called Wallace Reed; had LEFT home so we didn't pick up the lawnmower they wanted for the Acuña Ranch. Crossed border at 5:30^{5:15}pm. Bridge jammed with people; we were only ones in customs, breezed thru in 20min - so happy that I gave them 2⁰⁰ tip; gassed in San Fernando, Tm.; + camped some 18 mi S. on side of road.

6 June Up at 5am; downed tent, breakfast + drove to C. Victoria for Gas - Truck died; would start; ran down battery with loose fan belt, tightened + started it up; drove to EL Encino turnoff; spoke with store owner who said we couldn't cross river, it was in flood. Drove on to Mate, + to Valles, passed up + drove to EL Madroño, Queretaro; for 1st collecting stop. Arrived there about 4pm. Schmidly passed by + saw truck + stopped. Schmidly + crew set traps + net, we helped some; found Chersodromus rubriventris (Mulle), Pseudoeurycea cephalaca, many S. torquatus (kept 3); 1 Sceloporus grammicus; I sicked out early with head ache; cot split; up from 12-3am; sewed up cot, promptly split again.

7 June Schmidly crew off by 11:30am for Mate + EL Arco Courts. - We stayed at EL Madroño to capture S. grammicus (16), also found Gerrhonotus liocephalus; S. scleris; Eumeces lynxa; Crotalus triseriatus bet. EL Madroño + La Fabrica, Queretaro.

(7 June Cont.) re-traced route to Mante, Tam.; Motel Room (368) in EL Arco Courts (327⁰⁰ Pesos); Schmidly & crew in 45:48. Ate supper in motel; in sack by 9 pm; with high hopes of reaching Hda. Acuña tomorrow.

8 June 1979 Up at 7 am; ate in room; waited for Schmidly to come in from running traps. LEFT + gassed up in Mante + drove to past Rio Guayulejo + collected 4 Cnem. vulgaris. Drove on to Gonzales + picked up Antonio Treviño to take to Ranch; got 5th miles out + road so bad that we had to turn around + go back to Gonzales. Canceled Hda. Acuña trip for now! Dropped Antonio off at Warehouse in Gonzales, parted company with Schmidly + drove back to Mante, then to Valles; then to Rio Verde, ate, gassed; + drove on to Sharpton's X-Hda. Conca, arriving there about 8:15 pm. Spent the night with Sharptons.

9 June Up at 6 am; talked with Eloise + Alex + had breakfast with them. LEFT at 8:20 am towards Jalpan; ran over Drymobius margaritiferus 1.6 mi towards Rio Sta. Maria Bridge from Sharpton's; on to Jalpan, right towards Pinal, saw + picked up Kinosternon at 2500' (steep slope) nr village of Puerto Animas. Drove on to Pinal to old camp site; found Geophis _____, 2 Toluca, 10 E. lynce, + 1 P. cephalici. 3² mi W Amoles; Found 4 S. grammicus; 1 S. aeneus; 1 Chiroptastrotan. 1.2 mi W. La Cañada; Found 3 S. grammicus. Drove on to Pena Blanca + ate at type locality of S. exsul. Drove on to S. Joaquin junction;

(9 June cont) drove to San Joaquin, turned around + drove to \approx 7 mi S. Joaquin + caught 3 *S. grammicus*; drove to 10.8 mi N: S. Joaquin ("Paramor") + collected 24 *S. grammicus* in dead Agave, Yucca, + rocks, 1 *S. tarquatus*; 1 *S. spinosus*, 3 *S. parvus*, 1 *Diadophis*. Drove to 1.4 mi SW Vizarron + camped. Taby Found Toluca at camp site.

10 June 1979. Up at 7am; began raining; took down tent in rain + drove to Vizarron for breakfast. Drove to site some 12 mi N Cadereyta, + waited for clouds to clear; at 10 am, drove to Cadereyta + gassed; drove back to site + waited until noon - never cleared; drove to Chichimisillas; but couldn't find dirt road to highway 57; returned to Queretaro City, + on to edge of town for lunch. Drove to San Luis de la Paz (PF Hwy 57) + missed turn + drove almost to San Toribio, returned to S. Luis + then thru town to Xichu turnoff. still dirt, but mostly new road. reached old campsite at 5:15 pm; in mist + rain. ate supper + it continues to rain now 8:15 pm + still raining.

11 June 1979 Rained all night; up at 7:00 am; raining; continued to rain - broke camp at 1:30 pm in rain; came down mountain in rain, slick + messy - but made it down by 3:16 pm - Gassed in S. Luis + drove to Mesquite Motel 15 km N. S. Luis Potosi for night; set tent up in motel yard to dry along with other wet things; motel w/pool/TV; for 250⁰⁰ Pesos for all of us.