

James R. Dixon  
Journal  
1995

29 June Drove from College Station to Ft. Clark Springs (Brackettville)  
+ arrived 6:30pm; supper, then check in motel, + walk  
spring run for  $\pm$  1 mile; found one group of four P. gorzugi.  
Mike Forster + Jenna McKnight arrived 8:30pm. Looked for  
turtles after dark, but did not see any.

30 June Ft. Clark; Kinney Co, TX  $\rightarrow$  Sanderson  
By diving in water + chasing turtles, Mike was able to catch  
3 P. gorzugi + Jenna caught one; also found a place  
where there was 11+ turtles on logs; did not catch any  
there. The turtles all seem to utilize quiet pools, normally  
in a bend of the run, where there is a large eddy;  
catch = 1.3. Left  $\pm$  11:00am; arrived San Felipe Springs at  
outskirts of Del Rio 11:40am, ate sandwich; + Jenna + Mike  
put on "fins + mask" + drove into dammed up side of spring run  
+ caught 5.5 P. gorzugi. All were bled; all but two released;  
+ all but 1 ♀ released. Left 1:00pm; arrived 8.3 mi WNW of  
Dryden; on south + east slope of the last crossing of  
Sanderson Canyon, before it reaches Rio Grande. Typical  
plants include Chosote bush; Guayacan; Catclaw, Mesquite,  
Lote bush, Ocotillo, Lechiguilla, Twistleaf Yucca, Spanish Dagger,  
Leatherstem; Dog Cactus, Prickly Pear, Candellaria, Cenizo,  
all on limestone hillside + tops of hills, above floor on canyon.  
Between 4-5:30pm; we collected 1 M. taeniatus, 1 P. modestum  
(bled + released); six Chemidophorus 2 C. inornatus 1 C. tigris,  
1 C. gularis\* + 2 C. septemvittatus\*!! The first time the latter  
two species have been found syntopically. Skeletal muscle removed  
from all six individuals. Ate supper in Sanderson + sent nite in  
trailer park - unfortunately next to RR tracks; 12 trains came  
thru during nite + 1 drunk individual who tried to run us off;  
but failed.

syntopic  
Cnemidophorus gularis  
+ C. septemvittatus!!

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1 July

Sanderson, Texas

Left Sanderson  $\pm$  8:00 am; drove to 8.3 mi WNW Dryden, site worked yesterday. Spent from 8:30 to 12:30 at site, cloudy, cool, nothing moving until 11:00 am; found one C. inornatus under stone, at 9:30 am; by 11:00 am, C. inornatus everywhere, collected 1. C. <sup>1. C. eximius</sup> ~~figulus~~, 2. C. inornatus; 2. C. gularis, 1. S. undulatus, + saw 2 C. septemvittatus, but failed to collect them. Drove to Pecos overlook for lunch; and on to Uvalde for gasoline, dog collar + money for Tena + Mike. Plan to spend night at or near Garner State Park. Leaving Uvalde at  $\pm$  5:30 pm. Spent nite at private camp ground near Garner State Park.

2 July

Camp Ground - Bryan, TX

Left Camp ground  $\pm$  8 am; + arrived Bryan about 4:00 pm, after detour to site where I surveyed for Houston toads earlier in year. Went to correct site this time, + came home thru park Rd 1C + Bastrop state park.

10 July 1995 - College Station, Texas, - Asa Wright Lodge, Trinidad

5:45 am; left home 6:30; airport by 6:45; to Dallas by 8:25 - 9:45 to Miami, arriving 1:20 pm; storm; could not get luggage until 3:15 pm; to BWIA counter by 3:30 pm; plane for Trinidad at 4:45 (30 min. late); arrived Trinidad 8:20 pm; no problems thru customs; Hans Boos met us; + Mary + I rode with him to Asa Wright Lodge; arrived lodge about 10 pm; talked a little with Hans, he has permit for me. We went to room at 11 pm. I did not get the permit from Hans! In sack by 11:30 pm.

11 July 1995 Asa Wright Lodge, Trinidad

Up by 6:15; watched birds until 7:30 am; breakfast then a walk with Jogi to road + back. Saw Ameiva (several) and Therapsidactylus in drainhole. No other herps. Birded, Lunched + Mary; Vic + I took trail to look site of white bearded Manikin. They put on a great display for several hours. Made loop to B trail where Vic found Colathosis trinitatis. I bugged it for photos. Arrived by 3:00 pm; + lodge workers had two snakes that I bled; Spilotes pullatus ♂ + a Chironius carinatus ♂. Now 3:30 pm. Showered + hung around lodge until supper. Saw a large number of birds from 4-6 PM. Rum-punch at 6; supper at 7. I saw two large Plica plica on old building early in pm; went back after dark + caught Large ♂. Also Eleutherodactylus urichi ♂ on plant calling. Saw 3 Hemidactylus sp. on lodge, but did not catch any. Will bleed ♂ Plica tomorrow + release it. To visit Blanchisseuse Road tomorrow. Jogi will drive us to beach. Hope to collect a few herps away from reserve. Now 9:53 pm.

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13 July

Asa Wright - Blanchisseuse + return

A total birding day. Ate lunch in Blanchisseuse; Mary played on very small beach among the rocky shoreline, + returned by 5pm. Saw the following birds: Mag. Frigate bird, Blk vulture; Com. Blk. Hawk, lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Smooth-bill Ani, white-necked jacobin, Tufted Coquette, white-chested Emerald; Copper rumped humm., white-tailed + violaceous Trogons; Blue mat-mat; Rufous-tailed jacaman, Channel-billed Toucan, Chestnut woodpecker, Banded Antshrike, Great Kiskadee, Tropic Kingbird, Bearded bellbird, Rufous-breasted wren; Cocoa Thrush; Bare-eyed Thrush; Tropical mockingbird, Tropical parula; Bananaquit, Speckled Tanager; Bay-headed tanager; Red-legged honeycreeper; purple honeycreeper; white-lined tanager; Blue-billed grassquit, Carib grackle; Shiny cowbird, Yellow oriole, Crested oropendula. After supper did a short walk + caught E. virens.

14 July

Asa Wright - Niriva Swamp + return.

Stopped at various sites, but at mile post 48<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; on beach + coconut grove, found M. striata, C. lamprolatus; Gonatodes humeralis; Hemidactylus mabouya + Epicraterus cenchria. Returned by 7:25pm very long day - saw the following new birds: Brown Pelican, Pennant-billed tern, streaked heron; Cattle Egret, Pearl Kite, Savanna hawk, Bat Falcon, Purple Gallinule, So. Lapwing, wattled Jacana, Rock dove, common ground dove; Red-bellied Macaw; Green-rumped parrotlet; Yellowthroated Sparrow, Fork-tailed Flycatcher; Gray-breasted Martin, white-winged swallow; So. Rough-winged swallow; Rudy-breasted seedeater; Red-breasted black bird, yellow-hooded blackbird, Giant Cowbird; On beach at mile post 48<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; collected 8 gecko eggs beneath palm frons. Also saw dead anaconda in swamp; floating + rotten;

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14 July Asa Wright - Port of Spain - Simla - Asa W.

6:00am; - 8:15 breakfast, Togi arrived, each paid him 15<sup>00</sup> Amer. to drive us to Port of Spain. Stopped in Arima so I could buy camera battery. At Emperor Valley Zoo by 10am; drove to Hans Boos house, + visited with him for short time. He arranged for us to see some of the exhibits - we had Richard Joseph as guide, then a woman from education, then Delbert from reptile house. Whole zoo thing was depressing. Drove to mall where we ate + shopped (Mary bought 4 T-shirts, I bought 2 sorry maps) + we left at 3pm for Simla. Saw Simla as run-down place now; no grounds maintenance; lodes in bad shape. Returned to Asa by 5:30pm. Saw Plica on walls of old part of Asa. I also picked up my permit from Hans. Saw only crabs this PM -

15 July Asa Wright - Cumuto - Waller Field, Arima Forest + return  
Left 6:30am; at Waller Field I found Leptodeira annulata ♀ + one mile west Cumuto; found small hatchling snakes Atractus fulvicaudatus; 4 adult ♂ Gonatodes vittatus + 1 adult ♀ G. vittatus. Back at lodge by 1:45pm; I did tubes with tails, guts, or blood of Rhinoclemys pulcherrima juv. dead on road nr. Cumuto; C. lemniscatus ♀, Plica plica ♂, Gonatodes vittatus ♂ ♀, Hemidachylus mabouya ♂ ♀, Leptodeira annulata ♂, Atractus fulvicaudatus hatchling; Preserved the geckos, Cnemidophorus + Rhinoclemys, + Atractus fulvicaudatus hatchling. Mary + I swam at 5:00 in pool at water falls, + I made pictures at 3.5 F at 2/10 sec. 1 Roll did not wind so I lost all 5 days of pictures. Cumuto is 5 Air miles SE Arima, + Waller Field 4.5 mi ESE Arima.

16 July Asa Wright - Caroni Swamp & return  
8:30am; went to Oil Bird grotto on property; not too far from Lodge. Saw the birds + nests; stream in grotto with 50+ Colostethus trinitatis; saw an adult with tadpoles on back. In pm drove to Caroni swamp + went on boat trip thru swamp. A real "setup" for unsuspecting tourists - we saw "planted" 3 foed antcater, Cooks Tree bees (2); potaos; (looked stuffed); etc. The only nice thing was the Scarlet Ibis returning to their roosts. No herps seen this date, except P. plica + A. ameiva. Returned by 7:30pm; supper, packed + in bed by 10pm.

17 July 6:00 - 8:00 breakfast; checked out + on way to Airport by 8:; arrived 9am; Airbone to Tobago by 10am; Landed by 10:20am + at Blue Water Inn by 12:30pm. Very winding, + up-down road from one end of island to the other. Ate lunch; + Mary + I looked along small stream + Abandoned sugar mill while group went birding. Found giant green Anole with yellow downlap (3); + a hatching Sphaerodactylus <sup>molei</sup> in basal bracket of palm tree. Swam in surf at 5pm; supper by 6:40 + in Room by 8pm;

18 July somewhat tired. Wow! had G.I.'s all night, every 30-40 min.; 10+ times in 6 hrs. I took lomitol medication, ate light breakfast; slept to 7:30am; glass bottom boat ride to reefs + climbed to top of Little Tobago Island; saw only Ameiva, + birds. Back by 12:30pm; slept until 2pm; ate light lunch + slept until 5pm. Walked around with Mary + found several Anoles, all green + caught one plus 1 tail that I cut up for Longmeyers tube. Now 6:15pm.

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19 July Speyside, Tobago Battauxbay - left 7:30am with Adolfus James to middle of Roxborough; then N across island to Gilpin Trace. Spent 9:30-1:30 on trace, mainly birding (very few birds) + I found a stream with Colatethus sp.<sup>(3)</sup> along the running brooks + Falls, Road to Parlatouier, about 8.9km N. Roxborough; one of the tributaries of Bloody Bay river. Returned to Ledge by 1:45pm. Saw several dead Bufo marinus on road. Ate lunch; put up remainder of anoles + gecko. Mary + I swam from 4-4:45pm in surf + near by float garage. Showered + now about ready to pick up for return trip home.

20 July Speyside, Tobago — Bryan, Texas  
up Sam; out by 6:00am; arrive Airport 7:30 — Leave 8:40; arr. Trinidad 9:05; Leave 10:30 → Arr Miami 3:17 → Lv. 6:00pm — Arr. Dallas 7:30 (8:30) → C.S. Lv. 8:30 (9:30) Arr. 9:30 (10:30). → home by 10:00 (11:00)pm. All Live hoppers + eggs arrived ok. L. annulata laid <sup>3</sup> eggs in sack on way home, not discovered until Morning of 21th. some what dehydrated.

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