

7 July 2006 Bryan + Houston to Quito, Ecuador. Mary, Tana, + I left at 11:15am, arr. Maya's house in Houston 12:30; sandwich lunch; Maya then swapped cars + luggage + drove us to airport, arriving 2:15 (45min. drive) Met Mike Forstner + Josie Duval in "E" terminal + waiting 3hrs for plane to leave. Left at 6:00pm; arriving in Quito, Ecuador in 4hrs, 38min.; took almost 1 hour to go thru customs because of large group of students from another airplane arrived before us. Shawn + Bejat McCracken met us + had gotten a transport to the Loro Verde hotel (hostel). Arrived there about 12:45am. Immediately to room 17, + crapped out until 6:30am.

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8 July Quito, Ecuador. Breakfast in hostel (8 folks<sup>13<sup>00</sup> For</sup>) + then made plans to have lunch 1:00pm with Diego Cisneros + Edwin Keizer; .. from Holland. We walked a little to have coffee at Shawn's favorite restaurant. Then back to motel to figure out how to get Shawn's stuff to Coca. Shawn is riding bus + we are flying tomorrow. Shawn is taking 6 bags, + we are carrying the valuable stuff for him. We think we have it figured out. I gave Shawn a check for 354<sup>00</sup> for Airfare (RT) from Quito to Coca. The logistics person for the trip will bring our tickets at 9:30pm. We had good lunch of Corvina et al. Broke up about 3pm, with Shawn going to bus station for ticket + see how much more he will pay for 6 bags. Now 4:30pm. 6:30 walked to Cafe + had coffee; left at 7:00 + ran into Shawn + Bejat + returned for supper. Shawn left at 8:10 to take luggage (8 bags) to bus station + for his ride to Coca. We got back in time to help load the taxis (2) to bus. Bejat rode in Taxi to visit driver of bus to make it cheaper maybe!

8 July (cont.) We waited until 9pm for Consuela to bring Aviano tickets to us for 2pm flight tomorrow to Coca. David (husband of Consuela) brought them into the Loro Verde entrada. Talked for 5 min., + David left for a prom. Now 9:30 + Mary + I will try for some sleep. (we have Edwin's ticket also).

Quito-Coca, (Orellana prov.)

<sup>sun.</sup> 9 July up at 7:30; good rest. Tana, Mary + I walked to Majic Bean eatery for breakfast. Josie + Mike joined us about 10min. later, + Bejat about 20min later. We all finished breakfast + back to "Loro Verde" by 10:15am. will leave about noon for Airport. Our plane leaves at 2pm for Coca. Edwin came 10:30-11am to pick up his ticket. His plane leaves at 8:45 in morning. He will be on the boat with us. We paid our bill for two nights (10@, 2 nights, 60<sup>00</sup>) + caught Taxi to Airport (20min ride). Had briefcase checked, found Shawn's PPS battery + thought it might be bomb. Bejat had to check it in separately. Plane left at 2pm, nice flight, arrived 30min later at Coca. Truck taxi to Hotel Mission, room 72; with Mary, Tana + I in one room with 2 twin beds; being Sunday, + on bank of Rio Napo; + swimming pool in front of hotel, many kids! red-footed tortoises in garden, squirrel monkeys on porch + in trees, parrots, toucans, quite a treat. Ate supper about 5pm. (no lunch). added to hotel bill. At dark Mike + I chased Hemidactylus mabouya around walls caught about 14. will take tails for samples; one got away in Shawn's room; + we dropped one! Now have 12 for sample. I was in bed by 8pm. Had shower, but dropped my right hearing-aid + broke off the battery door. Will try to repair when we arrive at the station tomorrow. It is not as hot as I expected.

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July 10

Coca. Awake at 4:30am; cannot sleep more. Heard Tana leave the room. I think she went to lobby where there is light she can read by. I got up at 5:00am, found Tana reading. By 6:30, things getting active at hotel. We ate at 7:30am, boat came at 8am; started loading, by 9:45, Edwin arrived & we were off to Pompea by 9:50am; arrived at Maxis Rd. at 11:30; had to wait until 26 students went thru checkpoint; we were on the road by 12:50pm. by 1:38 we traveled some 45-50km to Tiputini bridge, unloaded truck, loaded boat; & off to station by 1:55pm. Arrived at station by 3:50pm. On the way we saw 1 giant anteater climbing bank; several caimans, many Podocnemis unifilis, 2 River dolphins, many birds; (Nhoatzins also); and finally there. Assist. Mgr. gave us brief introduction, assigned us rooms; so Bejat & Shawn got guest room; Mary & I, Tana by herself, Josie & Mike. On way to supper Mike & I found Bufo margaritifera? (1); + 1 Eleu. (Ischnocnema) quix.  
• 2 T. papicaudus. One large Ostrocyphellus over kitchen serving area (MPU) back to cabin by 8:30pm. Electricity is off by 9:30. Breakfast at 6:30am. Now 8:50pm. heard large phyllomedusa calling from canopy.

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July 11

Tiputini Station up at 6am, cereal breakfast; 7:30 off on Harpie trail. Walked until 10:45am, stopped & returned to station by 12:00, Lunch. Along trail we found 26 critters; some we knew - Elysius laticeps (1) Alopoglossus atriventris (1), Gonatodes humeralis (1) ♀, Anolis chrysolopis (red-blue dot) dewlap (2 ♂); 9 Bufo margaritifera + 1 other sp.; (1) Spiridobates; Bilinguis, Physalampus petersi (1) Colothelus banlie (1); 1 E. sulestus 1 E. okeadoni, + (1) hatching Eleutheroedylus now 2:20pm, ready to follow another trail. varzolineus discodactylus

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- July 11 (cont.) Myer (Guide) chose the Matapalo trail, we got down it 50 yds, + Mary decided she couldn't make. I led her back to cabin, + by 5:30pm we had made the Matapalo Loop trail. I am glad Mary did not try it. It was up + down, muddy, + in places, difficult to navigate. After we made the loop most people showered as we received some rain. Tana's glasses broke, but Shawn patched them - hootay! We caught 3 Leposoma <sup>parvatale</sup> sp (small) + several frogs. I have to ID the lizards. Supper at 7pm; by 8pm, we caught T. rapicauda with white tail. Mike held it + Shawn turned it loose. Mary + Josie caught Hyla boans on our table; played cards (1 game) with Mike + Josie + then to bed!
- wed. July 12 Up at 5:45am, breakfast at 6:30; big mac-egg, made by putting it all together. Made walk at 9:00, to "boot" area of park for trees to climb, the trail was new. Found "tree" in "boot" by 10:30; left at 10:45, + arrived back at Nbg. by 11:40am. Saw 1 Dendrobates Gilingus with 3 tadpoles on its back, I held leaf while Tana + Josie took pictures of it. Further along we found a L. parvatale (1), but when we got back to Lab it had escaped? Saw 1 motmot on way. Ate lunch of cheese burgers; + have spent the afternoon bleeding toads + lizards, weighing + measuring them, + then Shawn will turn them loose. Spent some time trying to fix drain on A/C. in lab. Now 4:40pm + Mike is fixing 2x2 poles for two turtle traps. Shawn found Gonatodes concinnatus (tail only) at big buttress tree. Also the yellow bellied ♀ Norops I found yesterday was N. frachyderma. Mike + I cut boards for turtle trap; took it to Tiputini River baited with sardines + set it in an Eddy (5:30pm) 7:00pm supper, on way back to cabin, Mary heard a kitten; was an Eschocnema quixensis <sup>I. rapicauda juv on palm leaf outside our cabin.</sup>

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July 13

6:15am; Tiputini. We had pancakes for breakfast, coffee, & then to Lab to get crew (Shawn, Bejat, Mike, Tana, & Josie) ready to do a tree climb, remove bromeliads, & come back before dark. I wanted to stay & keep Mary some company & help around the station. The crew left about 10am; I did tails, toes, & blood of material left to do. Ate Lunch 12:00; & had soup & rice & meat dish. I helped from 1-3pm; found 5 Plica plica on trees, managed to get tail from one & at same time, found ad. T. rapicauda in low palm below tree where I found the Plica tail. Earlier I found a Bothrops in large buttress tree at Lab.; It was under green leaves resting about 3' up on one of the buttresses, completely hidden by leaves. I also found a very strange Gonatodes with very narrow pale bands (many) across the body. Unfortunately I failed to catch it. I found Gonatodes humeralis 1 ♀, saw another, Norops fuscoauratus ♀ (1), Bufo mar. cf. (2) juv., an adult Eschschemia guisensis (1); now 4pm; time to do some Lab work on above. 5:45pm, just finished the Lab. Bejat came back for flashlights, Shawn still in tree collecting bromeliads. All personnel returned by 5:30; close to dark, worked 1 tree, 5 bromeliads; tree is Parkesia.

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July 14

Tiputini Station. Up at 5:45am, breakfast 6:30; 8:00 Lab to release lizards from yesterday. 9:15am, start on mosquito tent (Mike's) to tear up bromeliads, & remove water, invertebrates & vertebrates. This occurred between 9:30am to 10pm. A long process, but the last (#5) bromeliad yield the Golden Frog, Eleutherodactylus aureolineatus. I only found six lizards today. G. humeralis ♀, G. concoloratus ♂, ♀♀, Norops trichyderma ♀ (yellow venter), & Ad ♀ Bufo margaritifera. Even tho sun was out much of afternoon, not a lot moving. We saw Plica but too high in the trees to catch.

July 14 (cont.) After supper, we cut tails + or bled hoppers for DNA, and I turned them loose after dark. I was in bed by 10:15pm.

July 15<sup>Sat.</sup> Tiputini Station. Rain began about midnight, + rained hard from 5am to 8am. Now 8:45am + still raining moderately. If rain continues, we will probably look for trees to climb later in trip. I walked to Lab + injected the Batrachoseps <sup>♀</sup>, positioned it for photos by Bejat, + Shawn came in after a nap of 1 1/2 hrs. He has been working long hours. We were all geared to do another tree, but the rain continues. It is now 11:20am, + still raining lightly. We asked for prepared lunches + now it looks as if we will eat them here in camp. Lunched at comedor; then prepared to walk Lago-Dante-Guacamayo Trails looking for old forest trees for Shawn to climb. We found one on Lago, + one on Dante. Shawn "treed" the Dante one with monofilament + yellow cord. He "shots" the tree with a giant slingshot + a 12oz treeline weight. He hit it a little off center, but he says it will work. Walking the loop we saw 1 Bufo mar. cf. ju., + 1 Ad. ♀ Norops fuscoauratus with orange downlap. We left at 1:30pm + arrived back at 4:30pm. = 1.75km walk in mud; with rubber boots on! Mary stays in camp because of her knees. She would not do well on this particular walk - much up + down + muddy. Perhaps she will decide to get the knee fixed soon? Mike + I plan to work the volleyball field after dark. Shawn says there are several species of Frogs use the edge ditches for breeding. I will have to take a shower soon, as I am hot + stinky! Took shower, ate supper + then collected around the volleyball court. Found several symbionid eels; collected Scinax

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lunata; 1 strange tadpole, & missed a Large hybrid: Shawn  
Found a juv. Leptodactylus pentadactylus on trail. As I tried  
to come back by the Godaga, my Foot Slipped on a board under  
the leaves by the steps, my feet without from under me &  
my left chest hit the steps, my right chest hit a board & my  
head hit a tree, having a good knot over my right eye. My  
chest really hurts. Made it to bed in a hurry. I did not  
sleep well at all.

July 16 <sup>Sunday</sup>  
Woke up at 5:45, crawled from bed in some pain. Tana came  
to room and prayed with us, & apologized for being a nerd. She  
is ok! As we walked to breakfast, Tana saw a Large adult  
L. pentadactylus in the water (1 in deep) I caught it, but, it  
appears to be a cl. Tana, Mike, Josie, Shawn, Bejat & myself  
made long walk to new trail, following numa, ~~patapolo~~, &  
Guacamayo. We followed Guacamayo for 850m; & found tree  
that Shawn is going to climb. On way there we picked up  
4 Bufo mar. cl.; & photographed Pseudobates ventrimaculatus  
(very small) & at least two D. bilineatus. Saw no other herps.  
Shawn rigged up and climbed the tree about 12:30pm, after  
we had our peanut butter & jelly sandwiches - After many photos  
of Shawn, I tired & needed to go back. Shawn had 2  
Grommials left to take from tree. Bejat thought it would  
be better for her to walk back to station & get a boat to  
pickup everyone & the gear. I walked with her for 45min; & made  
the 3 miles ok, but very hot & tired. Found Mary asleep, woke  
her & then showed. I fell into Bactris palm & had to extract  
thorns from my right arm. Wearing rubber boots for six miles  
is very tiring! My right arm is swelling from the thorns.  
very sore. Chicken for supper. No frogs tonight, will do  
tomorrow when we get back from setting forth traps.

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July 17

Tipitini: From 5:45-6:30, made prep. for breakfast, 7:30 we caught boat to Aniconda trail (boat enway to Magus Rd) and set two turtle traps in Lago. Climbed Tower at jct. of Maguisapa + Guacamayo trails. Made photos of tower 2, 113 ft to top, + built around a ceiba tree + photos of surrounding forest + of Lake; saw 1 large Ameiva. Made it back by boat pickup in Smin. (walking requires an hour). 11:10 am looking for Mary, found her on upper dock Cazebo. Had lunch at noon. From 1 to 3:30 pm, worked up frog + lizard catch from 16th. 2 L. pentadactylus, 3 Hyla parviceps, 5 Scinex chventomma, 5 Bufo margaritifera cf., Hyla lanciformis JV, 1; Hyla bokermani 1, Eleutherodactylus acuminatus 1, Norops nitens ♂ large adult; As I left Lab I caught a large ♀ Gonatodes concinnatus; + on our cabana I caught a large ♂ Gonatodes humeralis. Shawn not back yet at 3:30 pm. He missed lunch, Bejat went to find him. We are worried about him. He and Bejat showed up at 4:15 pm. We are relieved! He could not extract his rope from the tree of yesterday. He + Mike will try to get it down in morning. We will likely make a boat run to check our turtle traps tomorrow. 4:45 pm now. After supper I thought I would survey the area of cabins. I found a green walking stick, a hairy yellow-toad Trantula; a very young Thecadactylus rapicauda (NPU) and a Norops fuscoauratus ♀. We were in bed by 9:20 pm. Because the boat had not come in, we had electricity until 11:30 pm. The reason they were late, the Huarani dropped a large tree across the Magus road + demanded coca cola as a bribe to cross their land. They had to wait until the cultural personnel from one of the oil companies came to work out a deal with them to let the crew pass by truck to the Tipitini.



July 18

Tiputini. Breakfast, Tana, Mike, Josie + Shawn went to the tree to get the rope unstuck from the bromeliads. They left about 8am, now 10:40am, not back yet. Bejat stayed to do her art. I processed The H. Lokerman, E. acuminatus, G. humeralis ♂, N. fuscauratus ♀, + Osteocephalus faurinus ♀, collected last night. I have seen a Mabuya mabuya living in the electric box under Mike + Josie Cabin, but haven't been able to catch it, perhaps before we leave on Monday, I may be able to band it. I also found another ♂ G. humeralis, I broke its tail, but it will serve as tissue. I took the time to check on the Mabuya at 2:30pm, + it was at the right angle. I took my trusty band + popped him out of the electric box + onto the ground, stunned, but he ran 2-3 feet + stopped + I caught him by hand. Likely the first one for the station. At 4:00pm, one of the employees was chasing a frog thru some heliconia leaves + caught it. I thought, that's E. aureolineatus, the canopy Eleutherodactylus Shawn is working on. Right above the spot it was found, there is a Sabina bromeliad about 70 ft. up on a tree. It must have fell off the plant to the ground. I also banded a P. plica by the bodega, but could not find it in the leaf litter. at 5:00pm, Bejat, Josie, Mike, + I went to the lake to check turtle traps + set up the recorder - One turtle trap out of water + nothing in the other. One canoe ok to use, and Mike + Josie or I will use it to set traps tomorrow. Back by 6pm, after supper Mike, Mary Josie + I herped around our cabins. 1 O. faurinus in tree ± 10 feet up; 1 small green-banded Hylid, 1 Adenomera marmorata, 1 Thecadorctylus rapicaudus, 1 Gonatodes coninnatus, 1 Norops nitens, 1 Norops fuscauratus. In sick by 9:30pm, bad leg cramps during night. Did not sleep well. Took potassium guinino capsuls, stuck in throat, up! Ate orange to make it pass!

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Breakfast at 6:40; bad nite, cramps, etc. but worked it out. We left by canoe at 9:15am for Anaconda trail to move turtle traps to new location in Lake. Tana + Shawn went further up river to black water stream; Alex + Andrea went with them for a while; Mike, Josie, Bejat + I got off first, will pick us up at 11:30am. Mary stayed in camp. I really wish her knees were better, because she is essentially "house-bound". The trails are steep, muddy + it would be very rough on her. Mike found a *Prionodactylus argutus* juv at comedor as we left. I took some flicks of Bejat, Josie + Mike in canoe at Lake. I saw 3<sup>d</sup> *G. concinnatus* around fallen trees or buttress trees. Bejat is staying nr. tower while we return to camp. We gathered at river at 11:20am, 11:30, 11:40, 11:50, 12:00 now we worry. Josie said we should wait 10 more minutes + then start walking. 12:10, boat showed up + we were happy because we could eat now. Lunch, then I worked up last night's material until 3:30pm. Weigh, measure, write on tubes + finally got Mike to photo each critter when we remove toe or tail. about 4:15 Mike found young green hybrid on plant at our cabin. It is related to the green-throat frog we collected last night. Josie, Mike + I walked down Matapala trail to Harpic Trail, then 300m to Flaming creek. Hope to walk it tonight for frogs. Josie, Mike + I walked to stream at 8:15pm, back to cabins by 9:45. Pools in stream were 2' to 6' deep + steep-sided. many fish, shrimp, crab, + some snails. On way we found about four frogs, 2 Bufo perched on top of stalked green broadleaf plants. How did they get there? Found (Mike) an *Atractus major* on way out. We plan to do a tree tomorrow near a black water stream. Shawn shot two trees today; now a matter of getting the rope there. Got a *Neustherosus egypticus* at creek. Also *Drymoluber dichrous* at Godapa.

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July 20

Tiputini Station: 5:45am; another night of Leg cramps. I took one potassium quininate capsule + it helped a lot. Bejat, Tana, Shawn, Mike + Josie left at 9:30am for the blackwater area to climb at least one tree. I stayed with Mary + did the Lab work from last night's catch. I weighed, measured + took toes or blood from Sphaeromyxus carneus; E. leutherodactylus bredematus, E. Lanthanites, E. okendeni, E. malkini, E. variabilis, Neusticurus eupleopus, Attractus major, Gonatodes humeralis ♂, Bufo margaritiferus, Plica plica, Norops ortoni ♂ + released a Dendrobates sublinguis. The P. plica + N. ortoni were caught this pm around the bodega + cabin. The crew were to start back at 4pm, so to have time to check the turtle traps. We will probably check the volleyball court in the bodega because we received a good rain about 3pm. It is now 4:15pm. Crew back by 5:10pm; They (Mike) found a Geochelone carbonaria in the river, brought it back to blood + the release it on Saturday. All had a fairly good day. We are now up to 41 species of herps. After supper Mike, Edum + I walked to volleyball court in bodega, + found a very young Oxythophus petola + a Bufo marinus. Now 8pm. + time for sleep!

July Fri  
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Up at 5:45am; This is Shawn's day to process Sabrina bromeliads collected yesterday from "Blackwater Forest site". Mike + I worked on getting all of the photos of processed specimens done. Then the tortoise from yesterday. All of the animals have been processed so far. We measured the G. carbonaria shell in the Lab. CL 658mm!! SFM 724. Shawn is finding a lot of tadpoles in Bromeliad #1, the highest in series of 5 removed from the tree. Tana + Josie are washing the leaves for micro-organisms. I took a picture of Shawn in the mosquito tent. It is now 11am, + I will look for herps this afternoon. I made a few

July 21 (cont) pics of the yellowrumped Casue nests along our board walk in the cabin area. After Lunch I make photos of plants, flowers,  
 \* Mike walked to Harpia trail creek bridge to set out his recorder.  
 Mike + Josie walked to Guacamayo creek + back, + then to the recorder on harpia. Josie found a H. geographica; The 44 or 45 species for the trip. My headache is still present at 5:30 pm. It will not go away: I took shower + short nap, but I am not feeling too well. Supper at 7:00; Mike + ground crew found Corallus hortulanus above Lab. 8:00 pm, Took boat ride up river for about 1 mi, Mike caught 2 Palaosuchus papilionus + a third got away. One Leptodactylus wagneri, + 1 young Corallus hortulanus in tree over the river. Worked up every thing on boat + released to tree or water, except for Leptodactylus. Back to comedor by 9:30 pm. In sack by 10:10 pm. Josie + Mike went to pick up recorder at Harpia trail bridge. Josie + Mike found Phyllomedusa valentini + Ischoenema guineensis + Physalaemus petersi 2.

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July 22 Tiputini Station

Up at 5:45 am; breakfast, then to Lab to process specimens taken last night. One of the student primatologists saw a lizard near student housing + Shawn caught it. A plica umbra ♀ on a small tree 1.5 m. up on trunk. Finished bleeding + toe clipping, measuring, by 10:30 am. Mike has been photographing the critters for photo vouchers for the samples being taken; occasionally he takes a staged photo of a particular species. Tama did not sleep well, as her neighbors snored + or packed up to leave at 3:00 am. She was groggy this morning. We plan to walk to the Lake this pm., probably a 4 mi round Trip. We will drop a FF one tortoise + Shawn will deliver the other one to the Glade water site tomorrow. Don Garcia come by + will wash our clothes tomorrow.

July 22 (cont.) At 1:15 pm, Tana, Josie, Mike and I made 5400m walk to Lago set traps again with lettuce & apple, & then returned via Lago trail, while Josie & Tana came back on Guayamayo trail. Tana said it was up & down much of the way. Caimans, Naetzins, were visible at Lago. We found Norops nitens, & Norops fuscoauratus ♀ on way out by Vellybellanca; I caught a Plica umbra juv. on tree by bodega. Mary stayed & sketched some. Now 5:00 pm and day is almost gone. Tomorrow is our last day here, will be leaving by canoe at 7-7:30 am Monday! Found a ♀ Gonatodes humeralis at Lab. Tony (primatologist) found a Arthosauro reticulata ♂ off Guayamayo trail. Checked buildings and found 2. Thecadactylus rapicoudus (NPO). Turned in at 9:00 pm. Mike came by with an Zmantodes conchoa juv ♂

July 23<sup>Sun.</sup> Tiputini Station (Last day) rain began at 1:45 am & rained hard to 5:15 am; tapered off & stopped by 8 am. Sometime between 8-10 pm, Shawn found an Osteocephalus planiceps. Late breakfast (7 am); back to Lab to weigh, measure, & take blood or tissues from hoppers taken yesterday. Finished at 10 am; began separating & arranging the small suitcase for transport. Don Garcia came by to wash our clothes. I reminded him that we were leaving at 7:30 am tomorrow. No problem he said? I believe Mike & Josie are taking boat to Lagoon to check traps & then walk back. I'll give Mike a band just in case. I haven't seen much of Mary or Tana this morning. Went to Comedor, Mary sketching there. Lunch & discussion of afternoon activity. Josie, Tana, Mike, Shawn, Bojat & Edwin walked to Canopy Walkway at 1:15 pm. Beginning to rain at 2:40 pm. Caught an Anole (Norops orthoni) ♂ at 1:30 pm. at ceiling. Very nice orange dorsal with red stripes & yellow trim. At 4:30, we plan to check traps at Lagoon for the last time. Maybe our new bait (lettuce & apple) may produce a turtle?

July 23 (cont.) Made a quick boat run to Anaconda trail to Laguna, + checked Turtle traps, nothing. Shawn went with us to be sure where the traps were set. Back to Tiputini Research Station by 5pm. Mary is showering + I will as soon as she is out. Then we have our last evening meal at the station. This stay has cost \$1890<sup>00</sup> for the 3 of us for 2 weeks. Ate supper + said goodbys. To Lab + finished the specimens waiting. To room by 9:00pm. Bought one Tiputini T-shirt (\$15.-) For Tana. Bed by 9:30pm

July 24 Tiputini Station - Coca - Quito  
Up at 5:30am; took Luggage to Tana's porch; had breakfast, + we all loaded canoe at 7:30am; said our goodbys, + we were off to Matus Rd. Arr. Matus Rd bridge in rain; still raining at 10:00am; no truck for us, so we sit in canoe until truck comes. Took a few pics on way up river. Must not forget about exit tax at airport on Thursday. We arrived at bridge at 9:35am. Hard rain, had to wait for truck to arrive. Truck arrived 10:50am, on road by 11:00; arrived at Pompayo (oil Co. Hdr.) on Rio Napo at 12:15pm. No Tiputini boat yet. We ate our P.J. sandwiches + Apple at oil station. 16 students arrived via Tiputini boat at 12:55; we loaded up + on Rio Napo by 1:00pm; arrived Coca at 3:15pm. Had coke + waited for plane by staying at hotel until 4:45pm, Diego had friends with Taxi + took us to airport, we quickly gathered our tickets from Avilina, boarded plane almost immediately + left Coca at 5:17 + arrived Quito at 5:57. Caught taxi (2) \$<sup>00</sup> + arrived at Loro Verde Hostel at 6:45pm. Left room at 7:00 for Majio Beer + ate fish supper + back at room by 8pm. Time to write notes.

25 July Quito, Ecuador: Cold last nite, going from 300 ft to 9300 ft. Also several visits to Caños from a coffee binge. We grabbed 2 taxis for trip to Univ. San Francisco, Cab drivers took us to wrong UNIV., finally by 9:30, we arrived at S.F. cost 1100 + 2 10<sup>-</sup> each for their error. We went to office + found Gonzalo Banda-Cruz, David Ramo's assistant. David being the Co-director of Tiputini station. Went to book keepers office to pay bill, they wanted 180<sup>00</sup> for our trip in + out, + 90<sup>00</sup> entrance fee to station. Because this was never discussed, I refused to pay for those fees. After some discussion, they waived the fees + my total bill was 45<sup>00</sup>/day x 3 for 14 days = \$1890<sup>00</sup>. I gave them a check. We walked from Polytechnica (Ana Almonarez, Cur.) to Catolica (Luis Coloma, Cur.), after paying 10<sup>00</sup> for a taxi ride from SFU. Finally finished (the best I could since I was not prepared to look at Liophis on this day); + then walked to our hotel room. I looked at two collections of Liophis + the vast majority were L. ophionotus, which is as I expected. However, both collections contained L. vittie, L. reginae, A possible new spec. in Polytechnica (I have seen one other) L. browni, + possible oligolepis in Polytechnica. The latter collection was in better shape than Catolica. Catolica had many specimens mis-ID'ed - Philodryas, Atractus, undulatus subocularis; Rhadinea, Coniophanes. Tomorrow I will be better prepared to see the Nat. Hist. collection of Ecuador. I saw two Philodryas that Bob Thomas should see. We finally arrived back at "Loro Verde" at 5pm. I bought lunch today for \$28<sup>00</sup>. I bought Mary + I supper for \$17<sup>00</sup> at the La Creperie on Calama + Juan Leon Mora. I was in the sack by 8pm. Very tiring day!

26 July Quito - up at 6:30, showered (hot) and now it's time for food. We have two schedules today - 10am, & 2pm. One is Gustavo Orcés Herp. Foundation, & the other is the National Museum of Natural History. We ate at 8am; I owed for yesterday, so I paid \$10<sup>00</sup> for 6 meals. It is now 8:20am, and I think we wait for Gonzalo Banda-Cruz to pick us up at 10am. Gonzalo called & asked that we meet him at 9:50-55 at the botanical gardens entrance. This is where the Natural History Museum has moved to. We will leave here in about 50min. to go to gardens. We met Gonzalo at entrance to Botanical Gardens. He took us to the Vivarium where A & R of Ecuador are kept on exhibit. Up stairs were the preserved herps, I met Jorge Valencia & he & I worked to gather for 2 hrs; and I saw about 35-40 snakes, most were Liophis. Gonzalo went back to office & left us there. We went to Botanical gardens & had ham & cheese sandwich; & saw many, many orchids. I took many digital photos for Mary. Went to Nat. Hist. Mus. at 2pm. No collection there! I called Gonzalo after we returned to hotel, & he said that I was to go there at 3:00pm. I told him to cancel & come by at 8pm for Shawn's CD for removal of export permit. Mary, Tom, Jose & I walked to market @ 8:00pm, & bought a few things to take home. Now 5:45pm, & almost supper time. We leave for airport at 4:00am tomorrow. Ate supper across the street. Now approaching 8:00pm, IF Gonzalo doesn't show up at 8:15; I will leave the CD at the desk for him & go to bed.



8 Aug - Bryan to San Marcos (Mike's house)

Left 6:30 pm arrived Mike's 8:45 pm. Talked about trip to Chihuahua & packed truck. to bed by 10 pm.

9 Aug. San Marcos - Presidio

Left 5:20 am, arrived Del Rio at 8:45 am, breakfast at David Rodriguez mom's house - to Walmart for groceries, Money exchanged; left at 10:30 for Presidio, drove straight to Presidio, arr 4 pm. Mike discovers that he Needs his original truck title - Insurance person had told him 3 times that he did not need it. Unfortunately, they were wrong! He called Josie to have it faxed to us. She couldn't find it. Mike & Josie tried for 4 hrs to search for title. By 8 pm, I told Mike we need to forget it, & return home. We drove to Alpine, had supper with Scudboys - returned to Marfa to run FM 2810 for 10+10 mi. - found 3 rattlesnakes, 2 Bufo (cop. & dob.) & then drove to MF 505 (7 mi E. Valentine) & drove to our property in Davis Mts., arriving 11:30 pm. Found a DOR Pituophis catenifer & another C. scutulatus (New born). Trashed out on ground in bright moonlight!

10 Aug. Davis Mt. Resort - San Marcos

Got up at 7 am; bled rattlesnakes & toads & removed tissue from Bullsnake. Drove into Ft. Davis for breakfast. Met John Karpes & he had coffee with us. Left at 11:30 am, after another AOR encounter with ♀ P. catenifer. Turned out all live material at CDRI boundary! Drove to Del Rio arriving at 3:15 pm. Did turtle survey at San Felipe Sps, & Mike caught 3 P. gonzalesi (1 ♀, 2 ♂♂).

10 Aug (cont.) After bleeding turtles, we released them back into the spring run; crossed street to Sam's for supper, + left by 5:20pm for San Marcos. Arrived Mike's house about 8:30pm; loaded up my car; showered, + stayed at Mike's for night. I had called Mary from my cell-phone to explain the situation we had found ourselves in. In sack by 9:40pm.

11 Aug - San Marcos - Bryan, Tx.  
Up at 6:40; out of house + on way home by 7:00am.  
Arrived Bryan 9:30am. Following 2 coffee stops, 1 gas-stop, - + Big Mac breakfast burritos!

15 Sept. Tamaulipas trip left house at 5:15am, said goodbyes to Mary + promised to call while in Texas. Arrived Toby Hibbitts house at 5:35am, loaded his car + left at 5:50am for Houston. Arrived Bill (William) Farr's house at 7:40am, after being lost for 15min. Left for Brownsville at 8:16am. Drove to Refugio for breakfast (10:30am) and then on to Brownsville, arriving at 2pm. crossed into Mexico after money exchange for Will, spent 15 min on Express Cards, plus 21<sup>00</sup>; Arrived C. Victoria 6:10pm, to ATM for Toby on to Hwy 70 towards Gonzales, ate supper between 7-8pm, arrived Gonzales 9:30pm; stayed in Bonito Hotel for evening. [meals today at 4:30, 10:30 + 7:00]

16 Sept Up by 7:30am, showered, bought gas, ice, breakfast, + found someone to give us directions. However as we went they were, we got lost 4-5 times, (many side roads) + finally arrived at Rancho Acuna at 1:30pm. All changed since my trip here in 1980. New owners!! Armando

16 Sept (cont.) New Owner Armando would not let us rent a room, but allowed us to sleep in one of the six cabanas that had no water, no lights, but a roof with out windows; We set up our tents on the stone floor. On the way in, we found a moderate size Micrurus tener microalbanus. later we also found a huge B. marinus in road (see catalogue). also on way to ranch tried to catch Sceloporus semitor but only got its tail. Late in morning, we drove back towards oak-pine forest <sup>3082'</sup>~~338m~~; 23 10.515N - 98 26.157W and hiked in forest slopes up to the top. Found 2 S. semitor, 2 Eumeces brevinstris, 1 S. variabilis, + 1 Bufo valliceps. Returned to base camp; ate supper of tuna + bread; after supper, Toby + I walked around and found 1 ad B. valliceps + K. henneri shell. After dark we caught 16 S. semitor on walls (inside) of the six cabanas (deserted). in bed by 9:30pm.

17 Sept. Up at 7:30am, bled all lizards, frogs from yesterday. Left at 11:30 for pine-oak forest again, but further back towards Nuevo Progreso. We found Norops sericeus, Lepidophyma sylvaticum, Syrnophus cystignathoides, Eleutherodactylus augusti juv., Leptophis mexicanus, + Micrurus tener juv. Drove towards Nuevo Progreso and saw a large Leptophis mexicanus on fence post, female. 1323 hrs; 23 09 22.9N - 98 26 15.2W 838m. Went to house in N. Progreso + got tortillas + coke. Met a few locals having a barbacoa in yd. Drove back to First site (<sup>23 10.515N - 98 26.157</sup>~~23 09 25.5N - 98 26 17.0~~) 3082 ft. Ate tortillas + canned chicken. Walked SSE towards Laguna Rojas, ± 1.1km 23 10 01.9N - 98 25 47; 948m; semi-d Laguna, all we found were Cyclosoma cyanoguttatum; and 1 Rana cf. berlandieri. Returned to base camp about 5pm; + bled + cut toes on all hoxys today. Few turned base at cabanas, all of the S. semitor. Toby took photos of the Rana, Eleutherodactylus, + Syrnophus, also Lepidophyma. They also drove back to N. Progreso hunting after dark., 1 B. marinus, + 1 B. valliceps.

17 Sept. (Cont) I wrote my notes for trip. The slopes are pine on the north + west facing slopes; oak below the pines + above the pines until you are on the flat crests. These are much more open with grass, large exposed granite barely visible, mesquite, acacia, and some scattered oaks. We saw very few lizards. Farr saw one S. grammurus. The area around the Lagoon Rojas is mainly oaks and occasional acacia. There were many blooming flowers of pea, composites, morning glory; some red flowers with long corollas that looked like salvia. - In bed by 9:15 pm.

18 Sept. - Base camp - 7:00 am

My legs cramped 2-3 times during night. I did not sleep well. We are heading north today to see what the road is like + look for another herping spot. granola breakfast, blood + cut tails on herps caught yesterday. We drove to Santa Inez  $\approx 10$  mi W, 1 hr, at 10:30 am; 23 08 45.1 N, 98 31 09 W, 471 m., then back through Cabrito, 23 11 42.1 N - 98 28 58.3 W, 620 m., to abandoned La Vibora (1 corral + stable) 23 12 48.3 98 27 23.9, ~~970~~ m, stopped for 15 min, Farr found Synophis \_\_\_\_\_; I found S. grammurus + Toby and I saw an Arreiva. We drove north along a terrible road for short distance + caught ♀ Bufo valliceps in road at 13:14 hrs; 89°F; 3184 ft., 23 12 57 N - 98 27 27 W; driving towards "Montezuma Mesa" stopped at 23 13 26.7 N - 98 28 22.9 W, 1014 m.; in pine-oak forest; forest had fire 4 yrs ago, according to a local. We found Sceloporus variegatus, + saw 4-5 S. scriberi. A big blow came through, looked like rain, we left for Rancho Acuña. Toby caught a E. tetragrammus at La Vibora. We left cabana 4:30 pm to drive to Xicoténcatl. Arrived there at 6:30 pm, bought ice, bread; + had tacos for supper + coke. Left to road-check at 8:00 pm. We found small ♂ Thamnophis marcianus 10 mi E of Xicoténcatl; + 4 B. valliceps, 1 S. couchi; + 2 mi W of Hwy 81

Sept. 18, cont., we found a rain pool. Chorus of *Sciaenops ocellatus* (1)  
*Smilisca baudinii*, & *Gastrophryne olivacea*; in less than a 100  
yds, we heard chorus of *Bufo debilis*, & *G. olivacea*. (22° 02' 30.2"  
98° 57' 55.2" W); 2109 hrs. 138.9m. Crossed Hwy 81. For trip to  
Hda Acuña; within 5mi of Hwy 81, a cop truck with flashing  
lights stopped us. Asked a lot of questions, checked the truck  
for drugs, & let us go. We arrived at cabana at 12:00 midnight.

Sept. 19 Cabanas, Hda Cuña.

Up at 6:30am; quick granola break fast; bled critters from  
last nite, & drove to end of "Runway". We worked hillside spot  
2 hrs. Got 1 *Syrnophus*, 2 *S. serrifer*. Drove back to cabana,  
ate PJ/jelly sandwich; drove to La Vibora & 2mi beyond to  
north. Here we saw 4 *E. fragrans* 5+ *Cnem. gularis*, 1  
*Armeiva undulata*; & lots of *S. variabilis* & *S. serrifer*. Drove  
back to La Vibora, found 1 *Thamnophis proximus* (Toby). Drove  
to cabanas at 5pm. I took dip bath in pool at creek; about  
4' of water, but clear. Bled animals & took toes. Finished  
by 7:45pm. In bed by 9:00pm.

Sept 20 Rancho Acuña to Manuel, Tamaulipas

Broke camp at 8:30 am, on way to Gonzales via Pto. Progreso.  
5mi, to Las Laureles 12 miles, to jct with Progreso Rd, 8mi,  
to Gonzales 12mi; arriving 12:30 pm. On way we stopped at the only  
stream crossing for 1 hr.; 12 mi from Acuña, 23° 05' 14.1" N - 98° 28' 10.4" W  
357m, we found *Dryobates marginiferus* ♀, *Leptophis mexicanus* juv,  
*Trachemys carolina*, large ♀; & a d. ♂ *Kinosternon subdorsale*. I bled all;  
William measured, & we found them all loose. We drove on to  
Gonzales, then to Manuel, where we ate in a taquería; 48¢ for  
me, then to Hotel Las Fuentes. 3 beds for 500p. We gave William  
a 100p@ to make up difference. I shaved immediately (5 day growth).  
We will wait until 7pm to drive to Aldama for road cruising.

20 Sept (cont) We drove 36 km to Aldama, where we met Bob Gill, an x-Mexican, x-guigo-Mexican at his restaurant "San Antonio" on main highway. (a friend of William) he told us about the local politics, & how many herps he had seen since William's last visit. We ate supper, & then drove 25 km towards Tepejapies, & returned to Manuel at midnight. Not a simple herp. It has been very dry. Before it was dark, we drove to a place William knew about just N. & west of Aldama. It has 5-8 Cenotes, we found two of them. We turned off the highway at a place called "Las Palmas" & stopped at Nacimiento. We drove back road to Aldama (10 miles) ( $\pm$  8 mi from Hwy to Nacimiento); We found 1 *Rana berlandieri* & 1 *Bufo marinus* on the way to Aldama.

21 Sept. Manuel to Sierra de Tamaulipas

We drove the Hwy to Aldama for 11 km, & turned off at Ejido Cinco de Febrero, & drove dirt road through El Carrizal, El Olivo, San Andres, & El Amargre, then 2 mi beyond to 1000m, & Pine-oak forest. Here we turned loops, rocks, & found 2 *Synophis* (toes), 2 *Pseudoeurycea* (tail, & whole); *N. sericeus* ♀ (tail) *S. variabilis* ♀ (tail); 952m; 23 10 17.9 N - 98 20 29.9 W, 27°C. returned to Arroyo Amargre 23 09 40.5 N - 98 20 32.8 W; 812m; & caught one *Rana* sp (bled), & then SE of Ejido Amargre, 801m; 4 *S. serifer* (tails); 1 *S. variabilis* (tail) & 1 *Synophis* tiny, let loose; & returned to Manuel at dark. Ate taco supper & called Mary; she was at church; but I talked with Tana and asked her to call Rachael for Toby. Showered & in bed by 10pm. Very tired!

22 Sept - Manuel - Ocampo

Up at 6, ate breakfast & will get up at 7:30-8am, we left for Ocampo, at 9am. We drove to two caves, but just at the edge of Mante we found a Dor Elaphe emoryi SVL 780, tail 169mm, wt. 148g, ♀, drove south of

22 Sept (cont.) Mante to Grutas Quintero, frashed; on to un-named cave south of La Nora; then on to Ejido Las Flores to check on Mac Hardy's location for *E. Lynx*. Gruta Quintero is 1.5 km S Quintero 223859.9N-990228.0W, 74m; At this site we saw *S. variabilis*, *Ctenosaura*, & I picked up shell of *Trachymys cataspila*; (222753N-990523W, 880' say *S. variabilis*, *Cnemidophorus*, *Ambly*, & *Ctenosaura* (Hardy site).

Arrived in Ocampo in early afternoon. Drove N. of Ocampo on dirt road for 18 mi, found *Scincella* sp (Bill got the tail) [JND3594] 7pm; 225550N-992356W; 1506 ft; nr Ejido Canas. Back to town for supper just at edge of town. We caught a ♂ *L. melanotus* at 225108.6N-992011.4W, 347m; 2110 hrs.; Drove until 11:30pm. I'm tired. 'Athlet, no Alc + no water!

23 Sept. Vicinity of Ocampo. We left at 8:30am; & drove to Ejido Puentes. Got stuck in mud, finally out & parked truck & walked 2 mi to Rio Ocampo & its canyon. on the way we saw 6 *E. tetragrammus*, caught 1 *Syrrephus* & one *L. fragilis*; & saw many *S. variabilis*. 224623.9N-991549.8W 311m. Left at 1:30pm & drove to Ocampo, finding a very DOR *Crotalus atrox* at the 42km sign in Ocampo; 225013.6N, 991939.8W, 335m. Changed shirt & went to square for tacos. Now 2:45pm. Drove out to Santa Maria de Guadalupe on Rio Ocampo, & on way found DOR *Leptophis mexicanus* stayed by River from 6-9pm. Guys found 2 *Bufo varlicaps* & 1 *Rana berlandieri*. Took road to state line & then back to Ocampo; arriving 10:30pm. Collected 3 *Hemidactylus frenatus* from hole walls, will cut tails from them in the morning.

24 Sept. Ocampo-Tula

Up at 7am; blood and/or took tissue from 10 specimens found 9/23. Walked to square from Hotel for breakfast. 9am; Left Ocampo at 9:45am. Found DOR Terrapene mexicana ♀ on Ocampo-Tula Rd. 22 52 41.7 N-99 25 08.7 W; 415m; bet. km 8-9 at Ocampo end; I made 3 tubes of muscle + liver, also DOR Leptotyphlops mexicanus ♀ 22 54 11.4 N 99 32 49.6 W; 1147m; took tissue; 1059cm; Stopped near 1999 site - 22 56 31 N-99 35 36 W, 484.5 ft, 23°C; found Ptychocheilus bicolor ♂ 328 SVL, 233 tail, 27g; V + blood; also Eumeces brevirostris <sup>SVL</sup> 38/58 0.35g; Chiropterodactylon sp; 18 SVL, 0.3g; 3 Pseudoeurycea cephalica (tails on two) UV; Drove into Tula (11mi NW) and got motel room. We drove SW of Tula for 38mi; 21 of it dirt, + found AOR C. atrox ♀ 23°C; at 22 56 33.5 N 99 57 30.3 W, 1270m.; turned around at end of road 1535m; many Speca multiplicata in old cistern. 23 02 34.6 N-100 00 30.1 W: back to motel by 10:30pm

25 Sept. environs of Tula. Drove to San Pablo for Cnemidophorus site; Found 1 S. spinosus ♂ (blood), 1 Cnem. g. vauni juv; + 1 Hypsiglena chlorophoca ♂ blood. began raining at 10:00am.; drove back to Tula in rain. Ate roast chicken for lunch (1<sup>st</sup> meal of day); then back to motel to collect dirty clothes + we left them at a washeteria until we can pick them up. Drove towards Laguna Escandida thru pine, cedar, + into oak forest - 22 50 04.6 N - 99 34 24.9 W; 1211m.; 21°C, here we found many S. variabilis, 4 Scincella silvicola; 2 Cnem. g. vauni; 1 E. augusti; 1 Synophis sp.; 1 Smilisca baudini; 1 Bufo varilliceps; 1 Norops sericeus ♂, Sceloporus minor 1, Lepidophyma sylviculum 2, Took blood or tissue on most. In Tula by 8:30pm, picked up laundry 140p; taco supper, shower (cold) + in bed by 10:10pm. !! early night!



26 Sept. Tula - to nr. state line with Hwy 101 San Luis Potosí.  
 up at 7:30; away by 8 am; no breakfast ate a empanada piñón.  
 drove to within 6 mi of state line & turned on same Rd of  
 24 Sept, where we picked up A02 C. atrox. Within 2 mi of Hwy 101,  
 we herped hillsides of Opuntia, Ocotillo, Leather plant; mesquite;  
 Joshua tree, Rus, tilanzia, Hecteria, and found C. inornatus,  
Cophosaurus texanus, Hypsiplena chlorophaea, Gerrhonotus inornatus<sup>♂</sup>  
Sceloporus cactus & Phrynosoma modestum. We released the  
Hypsiplena, and the Phrynosoma. We returned to Tula to get  
 new battery for Fari's camera, Ate Gistee, Frijoles for lunch,  
 and drove 6 mi N. Tula (Hwy 101) to San Rafael Ejido turno PF,  
 then through Mama Leon, San Rafael and 4 mi beyond to a side  
 road for 6 miles that took us up Canyon Garapatal to 1621 m.  
 On way we found adult ♂ Pituophis doppei at 23 09 14 N - 99 51 52 W,  
 at 4666 ft, wt. 737 gm, 1420 mm SVL, 166 tail, at 2:50 pm.,  
 also 2 Kinosternon integrum yg. + subad. ♀; (bled subad.); we were  
 at cattle tank; 23 08 38.9 N - 99 54 56 W; 1621 m.; We also  
 caught ♀ Masticophis flagellum at 23 06 11 N - 99 48 49 W,  
 1247 m; she weighed 540 g, 1210 SVL, 166 tail. We collected it  
 a day at 6:30 pm, & drove back to Tula to write notes, eat,  
 & move on towards Bustamante tomorrow. We hope to  
 spend nite in C. Victoria tomorrow & on to Monterrey  
 the next morning to see David Lezcano.

27 Sept. Tula N to Bustamante & C. Victoria  
 left motu Jorge at 7:00 am; drive to Bustamante turno PF, and  
 into Bustamante, arriving there at ± 9 am. Drove west of  
 Bustamante (backroad) and herped at 2000 m; 2 mi W. Bustamante,  
 Found 3 juv. S. spinosus, 4 S. minor, 1 C. gularis; and 1 green  
Synophis. Bled 1 S. minor, tail of C. gularis and whole animal  
 of Synophis in ETOH.

27 Sept (cont) - Drove 7 more miles + hopped at 1840m, dry, & lose to work in, very thorny, very Chihuahuan desert e.g., Nolina, Desert willow, black brush, creosote bush, dog cactus, prickly pear, Joshua trees, sotol, plant-like lechaguea; but greenor leaves, barrel cactus, cactow., we saw *S. grammicus* + *S. spinosus*.  
down the road 3 more miles + saw *C. collaris*; 1637m, finally arriving at Miguahuana, 21mi from Bustamante.  
We did not stop, but drove on to Hwy 101; and finding four DOR. humps. Elev. + miles from Miguahuana + species:  
*C. scutulatus* ♂ 9mi + 1726m; *M. schotti* ♀, 12mi + 1714m; *P. depperi* ♀, 16mi., + 1620m; + *Gerrhonotus infernalis* 16.5mi + 1615m. Reached Hwy 101; at 26mi from Miguahuana; turned north to Juamave 15mi; + ate lunch + drove on to old Hwy 101 (14mi) + stopped at 13mi, 1283m; + caught 3 *Xenosaurus platyceps* (saw at least eight); Gled 3, + turned them loose. We then drove into *C. Victoria* to UNAM Tech. Univ., + had colleague of Arnulfo Moreno call him. He was there in 15min looked at *Ophisaurus* taken near the *Xenosaurus* locality + looked quickly at collection. Promised Arnulfo that I would stay in touch. We LEFT *C. Victoria* + drove to Hidalgo (near St. Line) + found hotel. put up DOR's of day, taco supper, + Will + Toby are off road running while I write notes.  
I am hooked out for a long day's drive on bad roads and it is 9:45pm. Again, no AC, no hot water; This is going to be a problem, as we have had 2 hot? showers in 12 days!  
Toby and Will got in about 12:30am; they found *Tropidodipsas fasciata*, *Mionus ferox*, and *Drymarchon corais* on the Carracitos road west towards mountains. The occasional tropical snake (*Tropidodipsas*) apparently comes northward along the tropical vegetation that follows the rivers toward the Mts.

28 Sept. Hidalgo - Monterrey, NL, Mexico.

I was up by 6am; walked around looking for coffee while the guys slept; didn't find anyone open in Hidalgo at that hour.

By 7:20, the town stirred, I cleaned up boxes in truck, & got the troops up. Ate eggs for breakfast & we left for points north and west in Tamaulipas.

We drove to Mainero (7km W of Hwy 85) and pavement ended there. We drove another 3 miles

to small river near Jose Delgado, 510m; 23 32 06.3 N -

99 38 42.8 W, where we collected Cnemidophorus gularis,

Bufo Valliceps, Leptotyphlops myopius, and both color morphs of Hypsiglena chlorophaea (normal and "Junklei").

Guys took photos of pattern types; I took tails from both, also vouchered L. myopius, C. gularis (+tail). Turned 8 or so

Bufo Valliceps loose without taking tissue. We have exhausted all tubes. Made it into Monterrey by 2:45pm. Drove to Lab and

found David Lazcano, Javier Banda, & former student helper of Wills. Ate lunch at Univ cafeteria, at 4:00pm. Rented room at

6:30pm at Alamo Hotel. Showered & walked to D. Lazcano's house for Taco supper (Wills' choice) at 8pm. Left at 10pm &

walked back to Motel for night's rest in MOTEL with A/C + HOT water. Gave all vouchered animals to Lazcano; & wrote out a

constanza for tissues. - Will be home tomorrow - God willing!!