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A NEW SUBSPECIES OF CORAL SNAKE
FROM GUATEMALA

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A series of 13 specimens of coral snakes, collected by Mr. Joseph R. Slevin in Guatemala for the California Academy of Sciences, was loaned through the courtesy of that institution to Field Museum of Natural History for comparison with other Central American coral snakes of the genus *Micrurus*. The Guatemalan specimens prove to be plainly referable to *Micrurus nigrocinctus*, which ranges from Panama to Guatemala. They represent, however, a well-defined subspecies, distinguished by coloration and geographic range.

Since the date of Boulenger's catalogue, the common Central American coral snakes have been lumped together as *Micrurus fulvius* by most authors. I have shown elsewhere¹ that as a preliminary step in breaking up this supposed "species", *M. nigrocinctus* (type locality, Taboga I., Bay of Panama), and *M. fulvius* (type locality, Carolina) can be separated positively by the curious character of supra-anal tubercles in the male *nigrocinctus*, which are wholly wanting in *fulvius*.

¹Schmidt, Karl P., 1928, Notes on American Coral Snakes <Bull. Antivenin Inst. Amer., 2, p. 63-64.



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