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THE GOPHER-SNAKES OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

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The snakes of the genus *Pituophis*, commonly are called gopher or bull snakes. They occur in the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. In the region lying west of the Rocky Mountains they are widely distributed, and have been taken in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon and California. Their range also includes Lower California and certain of the coastal islands.

Although herpetologists now generally agree that three kinds of *Pituophis* occur in this western territory, the differential characters and the distribution of these forms never have been clearly set forth. Further study of these snakes,

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therefore, seems well worth while. In undertaking this study we have again made use of material in the collections of Stanford University and the University of California, and, for this privilege, we are again indebted to Professors Charles H. Gilbert and John O. Snyder of Stanford University, and Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California. The snakes in the collection of the University of California are distinguished by the letter C prefixed to their numbers in the lists of specimens; those from Stanford University, by the letter S. When no letter is attached to its number the specimen is in the collection of the California Academy of Sciences.

Several names have, in the past, been based upon, or applied to, gopher-snakes from the area under consideration.

In 1835, Blainville described two kinds of gopher-snakes from specimens collected by M. Botta in "California", a term which, as then used, included Lower California. These he called *Coluber catenifer* and *Coluber vertebralis*. In 1842, Holbrook established the genus *Pituophis* for the eastern bullsnake, which Daudin had described, in 1803, as *Coluber melanoleucus*. In 1853, Baird and Girard placed Blainville's *Coluber catenifer* in this genus *Pituophis*, and the following year Duméril and Bibron made the same disposition of his *Coluber vertebralis*.

Cope, in 1860, described the gopher-snake of the Cape Region of Lower California under the name *Pityophis hæmatois*, from specimens collected by John Xantus at Cape San Lucas. In more recent publications, however, Cope (1875) and other authors have recognized Blainville's description of *Coluber vertebralis* as referring to this Lower California species and, therefore, have called it *Pituophis vertebralis*.

Blainville's description of *Coluber catenifer* is so meager that one is left uncertain as to which kind of snake he had. His plate indicates that he may have had the less brightly colored coast race. Baird and Girard, in 1853, may be considered to have determined the subsequent use of the term by using the name *Pituophis catenifer* for a specimen from San Francisco. It would seem that this restriction of the name, in the first general review of the genus, should be followed, unless subsequent examination of the original type specimen shows that it did not belong to this race.

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In the same publication (p. 71) Baird and Girard, in 1853, proposed the name *Pituophis wilkesii* for two specimens from "Puget Sound, Or.," with gastrosteges numbering 215 and 209, and two from "Oregon", with counts of 209 and 213. This name evidently is based upon specimens of the coast race and has been regarded as a synonym of *Pituophis catenifer*.

Baird and Girard, in 1853 (p. 72), proposed still another name for a western gopher-snake. This was *Pituophis annectens*, based upon one specimen, with 243 gastrosteges, collected at San Diego, California, by Dr. J. L. Leconte.

In 1853, also, Hallowell described *Pityophis heermannii* from a specimen collected on the Cosumnes River, California. His description does not state the number of gastrosteges. The locality is one where specimens more or less intermediate in character but most like the coast race are to be expected. The name may, therefore, be treated as a synonym of *Pituophis catenifer*. The original specimen may perhaps still be preserved in the collection of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

In 1852, Baird and Girard described as Churchillia bellona a gopher-snake collected by General Churchill on the left bank of the Rio Grande, at the crossing near Presidio del Norte. The following year, they placed this species in the genus Pituophis. Later, the name Pituophis bellona or Pityophis sayi bellona was used by Cope and other authors for gopher-snakes from parts of California, Arizona and the Great Basin. Stejneger, however, in 1893, called attention to the fact that this name is really a synonym of *Pituophis* sayi, and cannot properly be applied to another race. Steineger proposed a new name, Pituophis catenifer deserticola, for this western race to which the name bellona had been misapplied. Steineger mentions no type specimen, names no type locality and gives no characterization of Pituophis catenifer deserticola other than that it is the "richly-colored form from the Great Basin and the southwestern deserts" which must be distinguished from Pituophis catenifer by "the totality of the characters," as the number of smooth rows of lateral scales will not serve for this purpose. He merely proposed a substitute name.

So far as we have been able to learn no one, either before or since, has stated any more definite means of distinguishing these more "richly-colored" snakes from those which have been called *Pituophis catenifer*.

The present study is based upon nearly 300 specimens of the western races of *Pituophis*, all but eight of which represent *Pituophis catenifer* and its subspecies. This material should be large enough to demonstrate any differences in squamation which exists between the two subspecies. Great individual variation is evident in both, but in only one series of scales is there apparent any geographical variation. Only in the counts of the gastrosteges do we find any scale-character which is of value in the classification of these snakes. While this, in one sense, is disappointing, we nevertheless, must be glad to have found even one character which will aid in the separation of these snakes, since reliance upon color differences, which are subject to so much individual variation, and are so difficult to estimate, has resulted in most unsatisfactory determinations.

In the series at hand the differences in the number of gastrosteges in specimens from the northwestern coast counties of California and in others from Arizona, Nevada and Utah is very easily appreciated. If we had specimens only from these localities they might almost be regarded as distinct species, with only an occasional individual of each overlapping the limit of say 230 gastrosteges. Gopher-snakes, however, occur throughout most of the intervening territory and offer gastrostege counts which completely bridge over this difference. We, therefore, must continue to regard these coast and interior races merely as subspecies.

The number of gastrosteges increases from a minimum of 200 in the coast subspecies to a maximum of 263 in the desert subspecies. While individual variation is great in any one locality, it may be said that, in a general way, the warmer and dryer the climate of a given locality the greater the number of gastrosteges. As one proceeds south and east from the cool coast regions toward the interior desert valleys, the average counts gradually increase.

The transition from the number characteristic of the coast snakes to that of the desert snakes is complete and more or less gradual. Nevertheless, these counts are of great use in the separation of the two subspecies.

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The specimens which we have studied show gastrostege counts ranging from 200 to 263. No sexual difference is apparent in the counts. We believe that specimens having fewer than 220 gastrosteges may, on that basis alone, be referred to *Pituophis catenifer catenifer*, and that any specimen with more than 231 gastrosteges may be considered to belong to the other subspecies, which has been called *Pituophis sayi bellona* or *Pituophis catenifer deserticola*, properly to be known as *Pituophis catenifer annectens* (Baird & Girard).

The typical specimens of *Pituophis catenifer catenifer* with fewer than 220 gastrosteges are from northern California and western Oregon. Specimens of *Pituophis catenifer annectens* with more than 231 gastrosteges have been found only in southern California, northern Lower California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

A large number of specimens have gastrostege counts varying from 220 to 231. Most of these are from central California and the San Diegan Fauna. They represent geographic intergradation and, to some extent, the extremes of individual variation. A majority of the specimens with 220 to 225 gastrosteges are from the more northern localities and may be referred to *Pituophis catenifer catenifer*. Most of those having counts of 226 to 231 gastrosteges are from the range of *Pituophis catenifer annectens*, and may be so called.

On the accompanying map specimens having from 200 to 220 gastrosteges are indicated by round spots; those having from 231 to 263 by square spots; those with 221 to 225 by half-round spots; and those with from 226 to 230 gastrosteges

by half squares. This serves to bring out quite clearly the fact that the variation is largely geographic.

The localities arranged according to the number of gastrosteges in specimens which represent them are as follows:

200 Gastrosteges

Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County¹ Corralitos, Santa Cruz County

209

Inverness, Marin County San Juan, San Benito County Callahan, Siskiyou County Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

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Goose Lake Meadows, Modoc County Napa, Napa County Pismo, San Luis Obispo County

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Lagunitas, Marin County Edna, San Luis Obispo County Camas Mountains, Douglas County, Oregon Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County

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Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

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Berkeley, Alameda County Berkeley, Alameda County Berkeley, Alameda County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Duncan Mills, Sonoma County

¹ All localities in California unless otherwise stated.

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Carmel, Monterey County San Francisco Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

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Point Reyes Station, Marin County Mailliard, Marin County Manzanita, Marin County Sugar Hill, Modoc County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Tehama, Tehama County

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Berkeley, Alameda County Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County San Pablo Valley, Contra Costa County San Anselmo, Marin County. Carmel, Monterey County San Juan, San Benito County Fort Jones, Siskiyou County

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Madera, Madera County San Anselmo, Marin County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Monte Rio, Sonoma County Charter Oak, Los Angeles County Cold Water Canyon, Los Angeles County

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Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County Coulterville, Mariposa County Carmel, Monterey County Coburn, Monterey County

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Coyote, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County San Jose, Santa Clara County San Diego County

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Berkeley, Alameda County Winslow, Glen County Middletown, Lake County Los Baños, Merced County Carmel, Monterey County Welby, Monterey County Lander, Placer County Soquel, Santa Cruz County Grand Island Landing, Yolo County

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Fyffe, El Dorado County Vicinity of Alturas, Modoc County Warner Mountains, Modoc County Bradley, Monterey County Tracy, San Joaquin County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County San Jacinto, Riverside County San Jacinto, Riverside County

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Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County Clovis, Fresno County Tracy, San Joaquin County Coyote Creek, Santa Clara County Buddha Canyon, Solano County

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Fyffe, El Dorado County Indian Creek, San Luis Obispo County San Juan River, San Luis Obispo County

Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County San Jacinto, Riverside County Ontario, San Bernardino County Cuyamaca Mountains, San Diego County

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Butte Creek, Butte County Garberville, Humboldt County Pleasant Valley, Mariposa County Canby, Modoc County Carmel, Monterey County Salinas River, San Luis Obispo County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County Yolla Bolly Mountain, Trinity County Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County Cahuilla Valley, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Fruto, Glen County Winslow, Glen County Kelseyville, Lake County Willits, Mendocino County Tracy, San Joaquin County Indian Creek, San Luis Obispo County Pismo, San Luis Obispo County Alma, Santa Clara County Los Gatos, Santa Clara County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Buttonwillow, Kern County San Jacinto, Riverside County Agua Caliente, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County 225

Near Gridley, Butte County Contra Costa, Contra Costa County Welby, Monterey County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Soquel, Santa Cruz County Colton, Riverside County San Jacinto, Riverside County Campo, San Diego County

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Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County Kelseyville, Lake County Snelling, Merced County Carmel, Monterey County Coburn, Monterey County Metz, Monterey County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County San Bernardino Mountains, Riverside County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Pine Creek, Ventura County

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Dunlaps, Fresno County Vicinity of Kinsley, Mariposa County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Julian, San Diego County ——, San Diego County Warner Pass, San Diego County Virgin River, Humboldt County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County Pasadena, Los Angeles County San Jacinto, Riverside County San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County Shandon, San Luis Obispo County Simmler, San Luis Obispo County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Coulterville, Mariposa County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Ensenada, Lower California South Coronado Island, Lower California Bakersfield, Kern County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County _____, San Diego County

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Antioch, Contra Costa County Soledad, Monterey County Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Middletown, Lake County Pasadena, Los Angeles County San Jacinto, Riverside County

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Riverton, El Dorado County Los Baños, Merced County South Coronado Island, Lower California San Jacinto, Riverside County San Jacinto, Riverside County Simmler, San Luis Obispo County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Wallula, Walla Walla County, Washington

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Fort Lowell, Pima County, Arizona Delano, Kern County Hesperia, San Bernardino County Carson, Ormsby County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Huachuca Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona La Crescenta, Los Angeles County Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles County Benton, Mono County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Boise, Ada County, Idaho

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Ontario, San Bernardino County Virgin Valley, Humboldt County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona Agua Caliente, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County

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San Martin Island, Lower California Isabella, Kern County Campo, San Diego County —, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Boise, Ada County, Idaho

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Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona Bakersfield, Kern County Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County Palo Prieto Canyon, San Luis Obispo County Campo, San Diego County Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah Wasatch Mountains, Wasatch County, Utah

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Fort Lowell, Pima County, Arizona Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Campo, San Diego County Carlin, Elko County, Nevada Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah 240

Campo, San Diego County Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah

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Victorville, San Bernardino County Thompson, Grand County, Utah

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Thousand Creek Flat, Humboldt County, Nevada Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada

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San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County Mecca, Riverside County Pine Forest Mountains, Humboldt County, Nevada

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Walker Pass, Kern County Blue Lakes, Twin Falls County, Idaho Nixon, Washoe County, Nevada Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada

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Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona

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Palmetto Mountains, Esmeralda County, Nevada Pine Forest Mountains, Humboldt County, Nevada VOL. IX]

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Silsbee, Imperial County

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Colorado River, Mojave County, Arizona Benton, Mono County

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Mecca, Riverside County

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Yuma, Yuma County, Arizona

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Mecca, Riverside County

The complete scale-counts together with the lists of localities where the specimens examined by us were secured are given below under the names of the subspecies to which we have referred the specimens. As we already have said, many of these specimens are from the region of geographical intergradation and some are so intermediate in character that their reference to one or the other subspecies is largely a matter of convenience.

Pituophis catenifer catenifer (Blainville)

Specimens from 78 localities have been studied by us. They represent 29 counties of northern and central California and two of southwestern Oregon.

- 1. Berkeley, Alameda County, California
- 2. Butte Creek, Butte County, California
- 3. Antioch, Contra Costa County, California
- 4. Contra Costa, Contra Costa County, California
- 5. Moraga Valley, Contra Costa County, California
- 6. S. W. Side Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County, California
- 7. San Pablo Valley, Contra Costa County, California

8. Two miles east of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, California

9. Fyffe, El Dorado County, California

10. Riverton, El Dorado County, California

11. Clovis, Fresno County, California

12. Dunlaps, Fresno County, California

13. Fruto, Glen County California

14. Winslow, Glen County, California

15. Garberville, Humboldt County, California

16. Kelseyville, Lake County, California

17. Lower Lake, Lake County, California

18. Madera, Madera County, California

19. Inverness, Marin County, California

20. Lagunitas, Marin County, California

21. Mailliard, Marin County, California

22. Manzanita, Marin County, California

23. San Anselmo, Marin County, California

24. Coulterville, Mariposa County, California

25. Between Kinsley and Maculey's Stage Station, Mariposa County, California

26. Pleasant Valley, Mariposa County, California

27. Los Baños, Merced County, California

28. Snelling, Merced County, California

29. Between Alturas and Davis Creek, Modoc County, California

30. Goose Lake Meadows, Modoc County, California

31. Sugar Hill, Modoc County, California

32. Dry Creek, Warner Mountains, Modoc County, California

33. Bradley, Monterey County, California

34. Carmel, Monterey County, California

35. Coburn, Monterey County, California

36. Metz, Monterey County, California

37. Soledad, Monterey County, California

38. Welby, Monterey County, California

39. Napa, Napa County, California

40. Lander, near Colfax, Placer County, California

41. San Juan, San Benito County, California

42. San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

43. Tracy, San Joaquin County, California (four mi. west)

44. Edna, San Luis Obispo County, California

45. Indian Creek, San Luis Obispo County, California

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46. Pizmo, San Luis Obispo County, California

47. Source of Salinas River, San Luis Obispo County, California

48. San Juan River, San Luis Obispo County, California

49. San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County California

50. Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County, California

51. Alma, Santa Clara County, California

52. Coyote, Santa Clara County, California

53. Coyote Creek, Santa Clara County, California

54. Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, California

55. Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

56. San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

57. Stanford University, Santa Clara County, California

58. Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County, California

59. Corralitos, Santa Cruz County, California

60. Soquel, Santa Cruz County, California

61. Callahan, Siskiyou County, California

62. Ft. Jones, Siskiyou County, California

63. Buddha Canyon, Solano County, California (N. W. Corner).

64. Duncan Mills, Sonoma County, California

65. Guerneville, Sonoma County, California

66. Monte Rio, Sonoma County, California

67. Tehama, Tehama County, California

68. Yolla Bolly Mountain, Trinity County, California

69. Grand Island Landing, Yolo County, California

70. Camas Mountains, Douglas County, Oregon

71. Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon

72. Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon

73. East side Mt. Diablo, Contra Costa County, California

74. Between Live Oak and Gridley, Butte County, California

75. Canby, Modoc County, California

76. Ten miles south from Willits, Mendocino County, California

77. Middletown, Lake County, California

78. Point Reyes Station, Marin County, California

The full scale-counts are as follows:

Scale counts in Pituophis catenifer catenifer

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Scale counts in Pituophis catenifer catenifer-Continued

Pituophis catenifer annectens (Baird & Girard)

To this name we refer specimens from 60 localities in Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, eastern Washington, and ten counties in southern California

- 1. Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico
- 2. San Martin Island, Lower California, Mexico
- 3. South Coronado Island, Lower California, Mexico
- 4. Huachuca Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona
- 5. Cave Creek, Maricopa County, Arizona

6. Colorado River, above Bill Williams River, Mohave County, Arizona

- 7. Ft. Lowell, Pima County, Arizona
- 8. Santa Cruz River, Pima County, Arizona
- 9. Yuma, Yuma County, Arizona
- 10. Silsbee, Imperial County, California
- 11. Bakersfield, Kern County, California (eight mi. N. E.).
- 12. Buttonwillow, Kern County, California
- 13. Delano, Kern County, California
- 14. Isabella, Kern County, California
- 15. Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County, California
- 16. Walker Pass, Kern County, California
- 17. Charter Oak, Los Angeles County, California
- 18. Cold Water Canyon, Los Angeles County, California
- 19. La Crescenta, Los Angeles County, California
- 20. Mt. Wilson, Los Angeles County, California
- 21. Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California
- 22. Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, California
- 23. Benton, Mono County, California
- 24. Colton, Riverside County, California
- 25. San Jacinto, Riverside County, California
- 26. San Jacinto Mountains, Riverside County, California
- 27. Mecca, Riverside County, California
- 28. Riverside, Riverside County, California
- 29. San Bernardino Mts., Riverside County, California
- 30. Hesperia, San Bernardino County, California
- 31. Ontario, San Bernardino County, California
- 32. Victorville, San Bernardino County, California
- 33. Palo Prieto Canyon, San Luis Obispo County, California

- 34. Pozo, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 35. Shandon, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 36. Simmler, San Luis Obispo County, California
- 37. Agua Caliente, San Diego County, California
- 38. Cahuilla Valley, San Diego County, California
- 39. Campo, San Diego County, California
- 40. Cuyamaca Mountains, San Diego County, California
- 41. Julian, San Diego County, California
- 42. San Diego County, California
- 43. Warner Pass, San Diego County, California
- 44. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California
- 45. Pine Creek, Ventura County, California
- 46. Blue Lakes, Twin Falls County, Idaho
- 47. Carlin, Elko County, Nevada
- 48. Palmetto Mountains, Esmeralda County, Nevada
- 49. Big Creek, Pine Forest Mountains, Humboldt County, Nevada
 - 50. Thousand Creek Flat, Humboldt County, Nevada
 - 51. Virgin Valley, Humboldt County, Nevada
 - 52. Austin, Lander County, Nevada
 - 53. Carson, Ormsby County, Nevada
 - 54. Nixon, Washoe County, Nevada
 - 55. Pyramid Lake, Washoe County, Nevada
 - 56. Thompson, Grand County, Utah
 - 57. Fort Douglas, Salt Lake County, Utah
 - 58. Wasatch Mountains, Wasatch County, Utah
 - 59. Wallula, Walla Walla County, Washington
 - 60. Boise, Ada County, Idaho

The full scale-counts are as follows:

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Pituophis vertebralis (Blainville)

We now have at hand no specimens of this gopher-snake. Its range seems to be restricted to the Cape Region of Lower California. It agrees with *Pituophis catenifer annectens* in the number of its gastrosteges. The large amount of red in its coloration enables one to distinguish it readily from both subspecies of *Pituophis catenifer*. That it also seems to have a larger number of scale-rows is shown by the counts reprinted below.

Specimen	Scale Rows	Gastro- steges	Uro- steges	Supra- labials	Infra- labials	Pre- oculars	Post- oculars	Loreals
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