RECORDS OF PARASITIC NEMATODES IN KENYA

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Among the helminth parasites collected by the second author in Kenya from 1962 to 1965 were several species of nematodes, reported herein. Specimens were fixed in AFA and cleared in glycerin for study. Rare species are deposited in the USNM Helminthological Collection, Beltsville, Maryland. The results of this study are reported in Table 1.

TABLE I
NEW RECORDS OF PARASITIC NEMATODES IN KENYA

Host	Location	Exam- ined	Infect- ed	Locality	Parasite
FISH		-			
Black bass <i>Micropterus salmoides</i> Lacép.	intestine	1	1	Lake Naivasha	Porrocaecum sp. (Juv.)
Tilapia <i>Tilapia</i> sp.	intestine	2	1	Lake Naivasha	Porrocaecum sp. (Juv.)
AMPHIBIANS					
Bullfrog <i>Pyxicephalus delandii</i>					
Tschudi	cyst on gut	4	1	Mt. Suswa	Agamofilaria sp. (Icosiella?) (Juv.)
Toad <i>Bufo regularis</i> Reuss	small intestine	4	4	Njoro	Aplectana dogieli
Service State of Contract of C	lungs	4	2	Njoro	(Skrjabin, 1916) Rhabdias sp.
Grass frog Rana angolensis Bocage	intestine	30	24	Njoro	Amphibiophilus acan- thocirratus
	intestine	30	9	Njoro	(Skrjabin, 1916) Falcaustra sp. (Spironoura)
REPTILES					
Python Python sebae (Gmelin)		2	0	Lake Solai, Njoro	
Mole snake Pseudaspis cana (Linnaeus)	stomach & intestine	1	1	Njoro	Kalicephalus colubri (Ortlepp, 1923)
Purple-glossed snake Chamaetortus aulicus Günther	intestine	1	1	Watamu	Thubungan anyumatiin
	mestine	1	1	watamu	Thubunaea asymmetrica Baylis, 1930
Puff adder Bitis arietans (Merrem)	intestine	1	1	Njoro	K. colubri
Kenya horned viper Bitis worthingtoni Parke	er	2	0	Njoro	

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House gecko Phyllodactylus sp.	stomach cloaca	2	1	Watamu	T. asymmetrica Pharyngodon mabuien- sis (Mala, 1939)
Chameleon Chameleo dilepis Leach	small intestine	14	3	Njoro	Strongyluris brevicaudata (Mueller, 1894)
Skink <i>Mabuya homalocephala</i> (Wiegmann)	stomach	2	1	Watamu	T. asymmetrica
BIRDS					
Black river duck Anas sparsa Egton	small intestine	3	1	Njoro	Porrocaecum crassum (Deslongchamps, 1824)
Speckled pigeon Columba guinea Linnae	us	2	0	Njoro	(Designatings, 1021)
Olive pigeon <i>C. arquatrix</i> Temminck Knip	& small intestine	5	2	Njoro	Ascaridia columbae
Pink-breasted dove Streptopelia lugens (Rüppell)		4	0	Njoro	(Gmelin, 1790)
Red-eyed dove S. semitorquata (Rüppe	11)	2	0	Njoro	
Tambourine dove Tympanistria tympanistri (Temminck & Knip)		1	0	Naivasha	
Green pigeon Treron australis (Linnaeus)	small intestine	12	7	Njoro	A. columbae
MAMMALS					
Mole rat Tachyoryctes sp.	stomach	2	_ 1	Njoro	Ascarops africana (Sandground, 1933)
Striped grassmouse Rhabdomys pumilio (Sparrman)	small intestine	2	2	Njoro	Longistriata impudica
Serval cat Felis serval Schreber	intestine	1	1	Mau Forest (Njoro)	(Baylis, 1928) Ancylostoma paraduodenale (Biocca, 1951)
Elephant					Toxocara sp.
Loxodonta africana (Blumenbach)	intestine	1	1	Mau Forest (Molo)	Quilonia magna (Neveu-Lemaire, 1928)
	Totals	101	56	individuals infected with one or more species of round worms	

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