

NUMBER OF YOUNG PRODUCED BY THE COMMON GARTER SNAKE

Definite records of the number of young produced by any species of reptiles are always interesting and valuable to those interested in the life history of animals. The following observations concerning the number of young produced by the common Garter Snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*), may therefore be worth recording.

This snake is well known to be viviparous. It is the most abundant snake in the vicinity of Lake Maxinkuckee, Indiana. On July 26, 1900, a female three feet long, was killed by me just west of the lake. Upon cutting it open 40 young snakes, each six to seven inches long, were taken from the mother's body.

This number we thought very large, but Dr. J. Schenck, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, records 78 young each three to seven inches long, taken from a female of this species 35 inches long.

Does any reader of COPEIA know of a record of a larger number?

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