

Not The Last Picture Show: New Collection Records From Paris, Texas (And Other Places)

Dixon (1987) provided comprehensive distribution maps, by county, of the herpetofauna of Texas. Numerous distribution gaps still exist, and new records are constantly being added. The following specimens were collected on several field trips, although the majority (62%) are from Camp Maxey, near Paris, Lamar County, in northeast Texas. Quadrangle names (in parentheses) refer to the USGS 7.5-minute topographic series for Texas.

Camp Maxey (Pat Mayse Lake East Quadrangle) was a mosaic of small impoundments, wooded stream drainages, marshes, pine-oak and oak-hickory woodlands, and grasslands. As part of a contract between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Texas Natural Heritage Program), and the Texas National Guard, the herpetofauna of Camp Maxey was surveyed during 22–24 June 1993. (Field notes are on file at the Texas Natural Heritage Program.)

ANURA

SCAPHIOPUS COUCHII (Couch's Spadefoot). McCulloch Co: US Rt. 87, 2.6 km E of jct FM 3022 (West Sweden), 31°41'31"N, 99°28'13"W. 15 July 1990. Martin J. Whiting. Verified by James R. Dixon. TCWC 68182.

HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS (Cope's Gray Treefrog). Coryell Co: Mother Neff State Park (Eagle Springs), 31°19'55"N, 97°27'54"W. 9–11 April 1993. Martin J. Whiting and James R. Dixon. Individual was a male vocalizing from a dead branch ca. 1 m above a pond; a recording of the vocalization was verified by James R. Dixon. TCWC 70347. Collected with permit SPR 0290-022 issued to JRD. Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°48'43"N, 95°32'03"W. 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder. TNHC 52065–8.

BUFO AMERICANUS CHARLESMTITHI (Dwarf American Toad). Lamar Co: Northwest of Pat Mayse State Wildlife Management Area (Pat Mayse Lake West), 33°50'N, 95°42'W. 5 April 1991. James H. Yantis. Verified by David C. Cannatella. TNHC 52102–07.

HYLA CINEREA (Green Treefrog). Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°47'24"N, 95°32'38"W. 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder. TNHC 52077.

RANA CLAMITANS CLAMITANS (Bronze Frog). Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°47'58"–48'08"N, 95°34'20"–34'44"W. 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder. TNHC 52078–81.

RANA PALUSTRIS (Pickerel Frog). Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°48'03"N, 95°34'23"W. 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder. TNHC 52070.

TESTUDINES

CHELYDRA SERPENTINA SERPENTINA (Common Snapping Turtle). Taylor Co: Dyess Airforce Base (Abilene West), 32°25'30"N, 99°48'50"W. 7 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting. Verified by James R. Dixon. TCWC 70372. Taylor Co: Summer Hill Road adjoining Double Lazy J. Ranch. 1982. Jack Joy. Verified by Carol K. Malcolm. UTACV R 12830.

STERNOTHERUS ODORATUS (Common Musk Turtle). Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°47'22"N, 95°32'38"W. 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder. TNHC 52064 (shell only).

TERRAPENE ORNATA ORNATA (Ornate Box Turtle). Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°48'28"N, 95°35'05"W. 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder. TNHC 52063 (shell only).

SERPENTES

THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS PROXIMUS (Western Ribbon Snake). Lamar Co: Camp Maxey National Guard Training Area (Pat Mayse Lake East), 33°48'07"N, 95°34'43"W (TNHC 52073); 33°47'53"N, 95°34'03"W (TNHC 52082). 22–24 June 1993. Martin J. Whiting and Andrew H. Price. Verified by Tod W. Reeder.

NERODIA RHOMBIFER RHOMBIFER (Diamondback Water Snake). Comanche Co: US Rt. 67 at jct with the Leon River (Proctor), 31°56'25"N, 98°27'32"W. 13 July 1989. Martin J. Whiting. Verified by James R. Dixon. TCWC 68539. Found dead on the road.

LITERATURE CITED

DIXON, J. R. 1987. Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas. Texas A&M University Press, College Station, Texas. 434 pp.

MARTIN J. WHITING
Department of Herpetology
Transvaal Museum
P.O. Box 413
Pretoria 0001
South Africa

and
ANDREW H. PRICE
Texas Natural Heritage Program
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744, USA.