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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HERPETOLOGY OF IOWA, II.

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The herpetology of Iowa is still so little known that material from the state is greatly to be desired, particularly if it comes in the form of extensive collections from particular localities. The writer has, through the kindness of Prof. H. W. Norris of Grinnell College, been able to examine such a collection from the vicinity of Grinnell, Poweshiek County, and the results seem to be of sufficient interest to warrant publication.

The species with authentic data are few in number and evidently represent only very incompletely the reptile-amphibian fauna of the region, so that the affinities of the latter cannot as yet be discussed. As was to be expected, however, both eastern and western forms are represented.

## LIST OF SPECIES.\*

- Ambystoma tigrinum* (Green). Two specimens.  
*Bufo americanus* LeConte. One specimen.  
*Chorophilus nigritus triseriatus* (Wied). One specimen. (The heel reaches the tympanum when the leg is extended along the side.)  
*Hyla versicolor* LeConte. Two specimens.  
*Acris gryllus* LeConte. Two specimens.  
*Liopeltis vernalis* (DeKay). Six specimens.  
*Lampropeltis doloiatus* (Linnaeus). One specimen without data. Prof. Norris states that it occurs about Grinnell.  
*Storeria dekayi* (Holbrook). One specimen.  
*Thamnophis radix* (B. & G.). Thirty-one specimens.  
*Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis* (Say). One specimen.  
*Tropidonotus sipedon* (Linnaeus). No specimens examined but Prof. Norris states that he has observed the species at Grinnell.  
*Elaphe vulpinus* (B. & G.). One specimen.  
*Pityophis catenifer sayi* (Schlegel). Two specimens.  
*Lampropeltis getulus sayi* (Holbrook). One specimen from Columbus Junction, Louisa County. Prof. Norris states that he has seen two specimens killed at Grinnell.  
*Bascanion constrictor flaviventris* (Say). Three specimens. Two are typical *flaviventris* being pale brownish olive above and bright yellow beneath. The third, although not in good condition, was evidently decidedly darker above and less yellowish beneath, being intermediate in color between the pale color phase of *constrictor* and *flaviventris*.  
*Sistrurus catenatus* (Rafinesque). No specimens examined, but Prof. Norris states that the species is found about Grinnell.

\*The specimens are from Grinnell unless otherwise stated.