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*Tantilla bairdi* Stuart

*Tantilla bairdi* Stuart, 1941:1. Type-locality, "two km. northeast of Finca Chichén (10 km. south of Cobán [straight line]) on Chamelco trail [catalogue and field notes give San Juan trail, not Chamelco trail—fide Kluge, 1984], Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. Altitude, about 1550 m." Holotype, Univ. Michigan Mus. Zool. 89223, adult female, collected 17 May 1940 by L. C. Stuart (examined by author).

• CONTENT. No subspecies are recognized.

• DEFINITION AND DIAGNOSIS. "A species of *Tantilla* with a uniform brown dorsum, except for a complete cream-colored nuchal band that crosses the posterior portion of the parietal and one middorsal scale row and extends laterally to the pale color of the chin, passing posterior to the last supralabial. Venter pale (red in life), this color sharply demarcated from that of the dorsum" (Wilson, 1982). The ventrals and subcaudals range from 163 to 164 and 34 to 36, respectively, in two known specimens. *Tantilla bairdi* may be distinguished from all congeners by possession of a uniform brown dorsum and pale venter sharply demarcated from one another, a head pattern of a head cap more or less the color of the dorsum of the body, 163 to 164 ventrals, and 34 to 36 subcaudals.

• DESCRIPTIONS. Stuart (1941) described the species and Wilson (1982) provided a redescription of the holotype and, then, only-known specimen. Wilson (in press) presented a description of a second specimen.

• ILLUSTRATIONS. The species has not been illustrated.

• DISTRIBUTION. *Tantilla bairdi* is known to occur at moderate elevations (1524 to 1550 m) in the mountains of the Guatemalan departments of Alta Verapaz and Baja Verapaz.

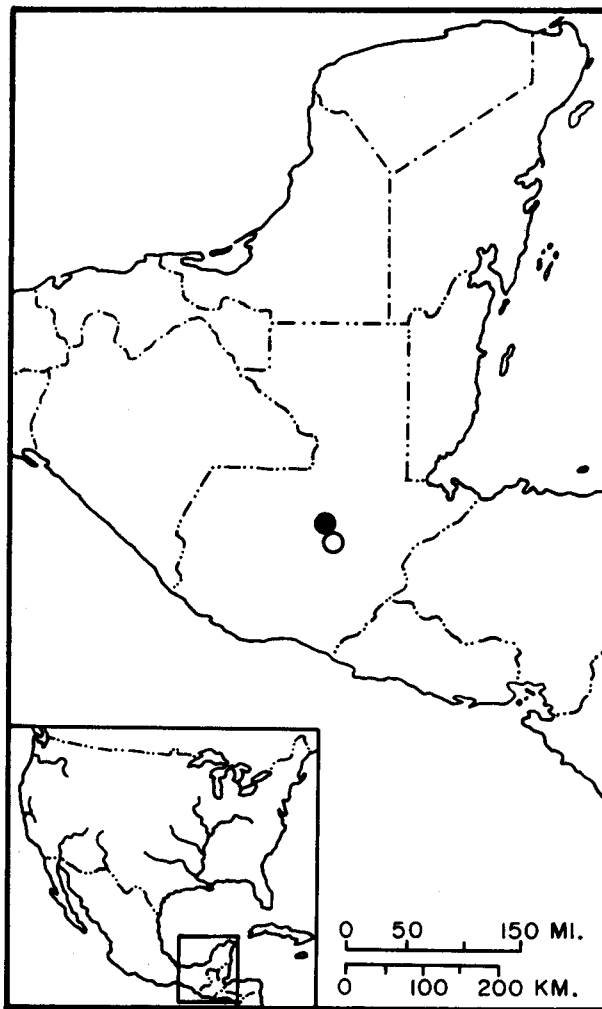
• FOSSIL RECORD. None.

• PERTINENT LITERATURE. Descriptions of available material are in Stuart (1941) and Wilson (1982, in press). Stuart (1948, 1950) and Wilson (1982) discussed geographic and ecological distribution.

• ETYMOLOGY. The name *bairdi* is a patronym in honor of James Baird, who helped support L. C. Stuart's Guatemalan researches.

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MAP. Solid circle indicates type-locality; hollow circle indicates the other known locality.

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