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COVER PHOTOGRAPH: *Lamprophis guttatus*, 12,5 km west of Mokhotlong, Lesotho. Photo: W. R. Branch.

GERRHOSAURIDAE

Gerrhosaurus nigrolineatus Hallowell, 1857 Black-lined Plated Lizard

ENDOPARASITES

Three *G. nigrolineatus* (mean snout-vent length, SVL = 96.7 mm \pm 24.9 SD, range = 78-125 mm) were collected on 15 June 2013 in DRC, Kinshasa Province, Mpoli, (03.11525°S, 16.11889°E, elevation: 289 m). These voucher specimens were fixed in buffered formalin solution in the field, soaked in water for 24 h, and transferred to 70% ethanol before being deposited in the UTEP Biodiversity Collections (UTEP 20892-20894). The digestive tract of these specimens was removed, opened, and the contents were examined under a dissecting microscope. Two species of Nematoda were recovered. They were cleared in a drop of lactophenol on a glass microscope slide, coverslipped, and studied under a compound microscope. Each of the three *G. nigrolineatus* harbored in the small and large intestines specimens assignable to *Africana acuticeps* (prevalence = number lizards infected/number lizards examined \times 100 = 100%; mean intensity = mean number parasites per infected lizard = 22.7 \pm 22.0 SD, range = 1-45) and one lizard (in its stomach) harbored three larvae assignable to *Abbreviata* sp. (prevalence = 33%). Voucher helminths were deposited in the United States National Parasite Collection (USNPC), Beltsville, Maryland, USA as: *Africana acuticeps* (USNPC 108149); *Skrjabinoptera wetzeli* (USNPC 108148).

Africana acuticeps has previously been reported from *Chamaeleo gracilis* and *C. dilepis*, both from DRC (Baylis 1937). A discussion of *Africana* species is in Bouamer & Morand (2007). *Gerrhosaurus nigrolineatus* represents a new host record for *A. acuticeps*. *Skrjabinoptera wetzeli* was originally described from *Agama aculeata* in DRC (Hörchner & Weissenberg, 1965). It has also been reported from *Agama hispida* from Zambia (Simbotwe, 1979) and *Chondrodactylus turneri* and *Trachylepis spilogaster* from Namibia (McAllister *et al.*, 2011). *Gerrhosaurus nigrolineatus* represents a new host record for *Skrjabinoptera wetzeli*.

Gerrhosaurus nigrolineatus was recently restricted to the region of Gabon and Lower Congo by Bates *et al.* (2013). As the locality Mpoli is in the lower Congo region, we are confident in referring the lizard hosts discussed above to this species. To our knowledge there are two published reports of helminths found in *G. nigrolineatus*. Southwell & Lake (1939) reported the cestode *Oochoristica truncata* (as *O. agamae* from *C. flavigularis nigrolineatus*) from Kwango in southwestern Belgian Congo (modern-day Democratic Republic of the Congo, DRC). Given its proximity to confirmed records from lower Congo (*sensu* Bates *et al* 2013), this record is attributable to *G. nigrolineatus*. Goldberg and Bursey (2010) reported the same species of cestode from *G. nigrolineatus* (now considered to be *G. intermedius*) from Uganda.

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