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GEKKONIDAE

Pachydactylus waterbergensis Bauer & Lamb, 2003

Waterberg Thick-toed Gecko

On 13 September 2006 three specimens (Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, MCZ R-184743–44, 184751) of *Pachydactylus waterbergensis* were collected on Farm Okosongomingo, Otjiwarongo District, Otjozondjupa Region, Namibia (20°38'48"S, 17°06'07"E). All were collected at night (between 20h00–23h00) on sandstone cliffs and boulders on the north face of the Klein Waterberg at an elevation of approximately 1750–1800 m. Although only 28 km southwest of the nearest known locality at Farm Waterberg (20°30'24"S, 17°14'52") (Bauer & Lamb 2003; Bauer *et al.* 2006), this locality is the first on the Klein Waterberg. All previous known specimens had been collected on the main Waterberg Plateau. At their closest points the two massifs are separated by a 4 km lowland gap (<1500 m elevation) which lacks suitable habitat for this rupicolous form. The new population falls outside the Waterberg Plateau Park, but does lie in the Waterberg Conservancy, thus affording it some measure of protection.

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LACERTIDAE

Holaspis laevis Werner 1895

Eastern Blue-tailed Tree Lizard

Zimbabwe, Manicaland, Chimanimani District, 20° 01' S, 33° 01' E (2033A1); west bank of the Haroni River, adjacent to the Chimanimani National Park altitude ca. 330m a.s.l.; 18 February 2007.

It was photographed by Bart Wursten on the trunk of a large tree (*Breonadia salicina*) before it disappeared round the back of the tree and ran up.

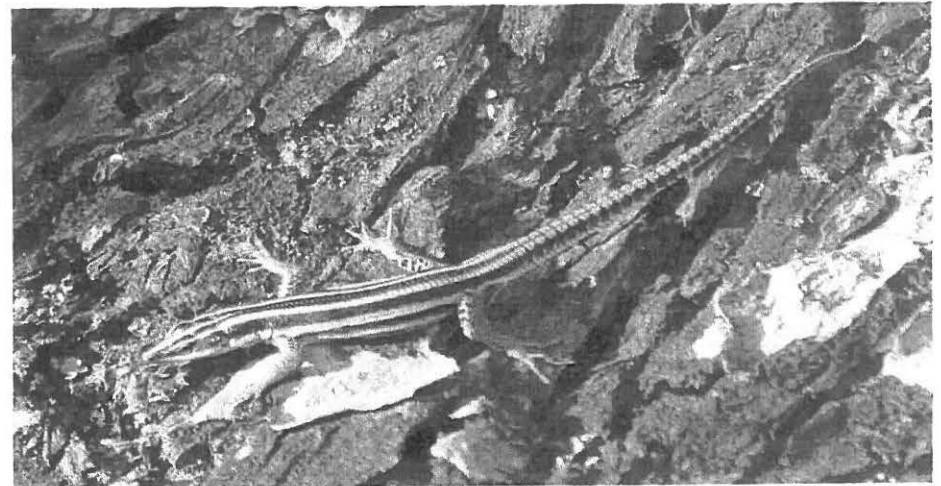
This is the first record of the species from Zimbabwe and represents a range extension of 200 km west-south-west from Dondo Forest just north of Beira, Mozambique, where it was common both in forest and the adjacent miombo woodland. *Holaspis laevis* was recognized as a good evolutionary species by Broadley (2000).

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Holaspis laevis, Haroni River adjacent to the Chimanimani National Park.
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