TESTIDINES — TURTLES

CORYMUS PICTA MARGINATA (Midland Painted Turtle)

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PELODISCUS SINENSIS (Chinese Softshell Turtle)

The specimens reported here were found and captured in small bodies of water near densely inhabited neighborhoods in Belém City, Brazil (1.366°S, 48.392°W; datum WGS 84). Two hatchlings (about 20 mm carapace length) were found by children in a sandy place near to an artificial lake in February 2010 (MPEG 1214). One year later, three similarly-sized young animals were caught at the same locality. An adult male was caught in a hole near the same lake in November 2010 (MPEG 1215). In April 2011 an adult female was found nearly 1 km downstream from the first locality (MPEG 1216). This individual laid five small spherical eggs in the water 9 May 2011 and three more eggs on 31 May 2011. After 60 days of incubation, none of the eggs showed any sign of embryonic development. It seems probable that there is a feral population of unknown size established in the area. Reports of this species (without vouchers) also exist for Clark County in southern Nevada (FPP. pers. obs.).

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PSEUDEMYS CONCINNA (River Cooter)

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TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA (Pond Slider)
USA: NEVADA: WASHOE CO.: Reno, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Peavine Pond (39.54606°N, 119.83107°W; NAD83). 3 June 2006. Photographed by Fredric F. Petersen. Verified by Jens Vindum. CAS-HPV 74 photo voucher. First record for Nevada. Trachemys scripta has been introduced widely in the western USA through the pet trade (Rhodin et al. 2010. Chelon. Res. Monogr. No. 5: 000-000-164). The species is known from many sites in the Central Valley of California (Thomson et al. 2010 Chelon. Conserv. Biol. 9:297–302, and references therein), with the closest previous record (Thomson et al., op. cit.) being approximately 166 km WSW of this first Nevada record.

Pond Sliders appear to be common in urban ponds and lakes in Reno and Sparks, Nevada (additional localities are documented by CAS-HPV 72, 73, and 75. An individual photographed on 19 June 2011 (CAS-HPV 72) with mud covering the hind limbs, tail, and rear edge of the carapace, suggesting it had been digging a nest provides circumstantial evidence of breeding in the area. Reports of this species (without vouchers) also exist for Clark County in southern Nevada (FPP, pers. obs.).

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TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA ELEGANS (Red-eared Slider)

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SQUAMATA — LIZARDS

ACANTHODYACTYLUS MICROPHOLIS (Persian Fringe-toed Lizard)
IRAN: BUSHEHR PROVINCE: 20 km SE of Khoormouj, near Naseri village (28.489644°N, 51.473191°E), 10 m elev. Kamran Kamali, Behzad Zadhoosh, and Shahrazad Malekzadeh. 22 February 2013. Iranian Herpetological Institute (IH0014: one adult female; IH0015: one adult male). Verified by Steven C. Anderson. This is the first record of this species from Bushehr Province. Individuals were found on low hills on sandy riverbeds with scattered bushes and in narrow canyons on stream beds covered with small bushes and grass. The specimens fit the diagnosis and color pattern in Anderson (1999. The Lizards of Iran. SSAR Contrib. Herpetol., Ithaca, New York. 442 pp.). The nearest reported locality is 480 km E of the record noted here (27.016667°N, 55.716667°E), 109 km W