

27 July 2011. Andrew Hoffman, Sierra Shepard. Florida Museum of Natural History (UF-Herpetology 171910 photo voucher). New county record (Minton 2001. *Amphibians and Reptiles of Indiana*. Indiana Academy of Science, Indianapolis. xvi + 404 pp.). A single juvenile was photographed swimming through the shallows. Numerous adults were observed along the river throughout the day.

PUTNAM CO.: Big Walnut Creek (39.785007°N, 86.778656°W; WGS 84). 27 May 2012. Andrew Hoffman, Sierra Shepard. UF-Herpetology 171898 photo voucher. New county record (Minton 2001, *op. cit.*). A large adult female buried in a very small, but deep patch of sand, below a small riffle, in the shallows of a stream. All records verified by Kenneth Krysko.

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**CHELONIA MYDAS (Green Sea Turtle)**. USA: LOUISIANA: CAMERON PARISH: Salt marsh 100 m S of Louisiana Hwy 82 and 1 km E of Texas-Louisiana border (29.76746°N, 93.88262°W; WGS84). 25 April 2013, 1300 h. Will Selman and Ryan King. Florida Museum of Natural History Herpetology Department (UF 170048, photo voucher). First verified record from southwestern Louisiana (Dundee and Rossman 1989. *The Amphibians and Reptiles of Louisiana*. Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge and London. 300 pp.; HerpNet collections database, www.herpnet2.org, accessed 28 October 2013). A putative skeletal record of *C. mydas* from Cameron Parish exists in the LSU-Shreveport collection (LSUS 8456) from a dead individual that washed onto the beach from offshore. However, based upon the skeletal material available, the specimen cannot be verified to species (J. Boundy, pers. comm.). Juvenile (27.3 cm midline carapace length [MCL]; 2700 g) captured in a salt marsh.

ST. BERNARD PARISH: Salt marsh on the fringe of Eloi Bay approximately 23.3 km ESE of Hopedale, Louisiana (29.78886°N, 89.41930°W; WGS84). 15 May 2013. Dane Cassady and Amy Magro. UF Herpetology 171444 (photo voucher). New parish record (Dundee and Rossman, *op. cit.*; HerpNet collections database, www.herpnet2.org, accessed 28 October 2013). This record fills the distributional gap that existed between an Orleans Parish specimen (near New Orleans, USNM 55569) and a Plaquemines Parish specimen (Breton Island, unpublished literature record cited by Dundee and Rossman, *op. cit.*). Juvenile (approx. 30 cm MCL) captured in salt marsh

TERREBONNE PARISH: Salt marsh 2.3 km NE of Cocodrie, Louisiana at the north end of Bay Cocodrie (29.26237°N, 90.64619°W; WGS84). 16 May 2013. Ben Stultz and Todd Credeur. UF Herpetology 171449 (photo voucher). New parish record (Dundee and Rossman, *op. cit.*; HerpNet collections database, www.herpnet2.org, accessed 28 October 2013). This record is 70 km W of a Jefferson Parish specimen collected in 1962 on Grand Terre Island (LSU Herpetology 54213). This animal was a juvenile (approx. 22 cm MCL).

All individuals were captured alive in fyke nets, which were placed in tidal bayous while conducting *Malaclemys terrapin* (Diamondback Terrapin) surveys. Trap locations ranged between 0.8–1.4 m deep and 7.6–14 m wide, while water salinities ranged between 5.6–16 ppt and water temperature ranged between 22.3–24°C. Following species documentation and measurements, all individuals were released at the capture site. All photo vouchers were verified by Jeff Boundy.

It seems beyond a coincidence that all three individuals were juveniles of similar size, captured in similar salt/brackish marsh habitat, and all captured within a span of 21 days. Dundee and Rossman (*op. cit.*) considered *C. mydas* a “visitor” to Louisiana. However, Fuller et al. (1987. *Sea Turtles in Louisiana Coastal Waters*. Report for the Coastal Fisheries Institute and Louisiana Sea Grant College Program. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 39 pp. with appendix) noted that *C. mydas* is the second most observed species by fishermen/marine-oriented people in Louisiana, with most reports being juveniles in the southeastern portion of the state. Because we cannot determine the validity of the self reported records in Fuller et al. (*op. cit.*), we consider our records from Terrebonne and St. Bernard parishes the first verifiable *C. mydas* records for these parishes. Based on the three individuals reported herein, juvenile *C. mydas* appear to be seasonally utilizing near shore habitats during the late spring and early summer in Louisiana. The sizes we report are also consistent with the estimation that *C. mydas* juveniles leave the “oceanic” stage around 25–35 cm MCL (Reich et al. 2007. *Biol. Letters* 3:712–714). Because juveniles are more carnivorous than adults (Ernst and Lovich 2009. *Turtles of the United States and Canada*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, Maryland. 827 pp.), it is possible that they are consuming marine invertebrates in salt and brackish marsh habitats.

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**CHRYSEMYS DORSALIS (Southern Painted Turtle)**. USA: TENNESSEE: WEAKLEY CO.: Greenfield (36.193055°N, 88.762222°W; NAD 83). 18 August 2013. James P. Flaherty and Michael C. Fulbright. Verified by A. Floyd Scott. Austin Peay State University Museum of Zoology (APSU 19444). New county record (Scott and Redmond 2008 (latest update: 7 August 2013). *Atlas of Reptiles in Tennessee*. The Center of Excellence for Field Biology, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee. Available at <http://apsu.edu/reptatlas/> [accessed 6 September 2013]). Nearest record ca. 26 km distant in Carroll Co. Found dead on road.

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**CHRYSEMYS PICTA (Painted Turtle)**. USA: FLORIDA: VOLUSIA CO.: Blue Springs State Park, 96 m E of the mouth of St. Johns River inside of the Blue Spring Run (28.94345°N, 81.34102°W; WGS84; elev. 6 m). 4 October 2013. Eric C. Munscher. Verified by Kenneth L. Krysko. Photos and specimen deposited in the Florida Museum of Natural History (UF 171291). New county record (Krysko et al. 2011. *Atlas of Amphibians and Reptiles in Florida*. Final Report, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Tallahassee, Florida. 524 pp.). Female (carapace length = 247 mm, plastron length = 183 mm, mass = 1568 g) captured by hand at 1000 h along the right side of the lower Blue Spring Run toward the St. Johns River. The lack of algae on the carapace