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Animal Abstract

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NAME: *Senticolis triaspis intermedia*

COMMON NAME: Northern Green Ratsnake

SYNONYMS: *Elapha triaspis*

FAMILY: Serpentes: Colubridae

AUTHOR, PUBLICATION: Boettger

TYPE LOCALITY:

TYPE SPECIMEN:

TAXONOMIC UNIQUENESS: Seven species in genus in western hemisphere (others in eastern); 3 subspecies in *S. triaspis*, only *intermedia* occurs in the U.S.

DESCRIPTION: Stebbins 1966:154. Total length 24-50 inches. Ground color plain green to olive. Whitish to cream, tinged yellow below.

AIDS TO IDENTIFICATION:

ILLUSTRATIONS: Color drawing (Stebbins 1966: plate 32)
Color photo (Behler and King 1979: plate 479)

TOTAL RANGE: Southeast Arizona along slopes of Mexican highlands to Costa Rica.

RANGE WITHIN ARIZONA: Baboquivari, Pajarito, Santa Rita, Chiricahua and Patagonia mountains in southern Arizona.

SPECIES BIOLOGY AND POPULATION TRENDS

BIOLOGY:

REPRODUCTION: Presumed to lay 5 or more eggs.

FOOD HABITS: Rodents and birds.

HABITAT: In Arizona, primarily broadleaf riparian situations in evergreen woodland, usually with rocks nearby.

ELEVATION:

PLANT COMMUNITY:

POPULATION TRENDS: Unknown

SPECIES PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT STATUS: None
STATE STATUS: 1B (AGFD SWAP 2012)
OTHER STATUS: Forest Service Sensitive (USDA, FS Region 3 1988, 2013) At species level.

MANAGEMENT FACTORS: Extreme north edge of range and limited distribution.
Active interest by collectors.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN:

SUGGESTED PROJECTS: Distribution, habitat, population and life history studies.

LAND MANAGEMENT/OWNERSHIP:

SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION

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