



Horned Lizard.

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NEW DISTRIBUTION RECORDS OF THE HORNED LIZARD IN ALBERTA

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Stebbins indicates that the range of the short-horned lizard *Phrynosoma douglassi* in Alberta includes the area of the Cypress Hills south to the International boundary (Figure 1).¹ Described here are the first records of the species along the South Saskatchewan River and a new record from along the Milk River.

Locality Data

SE 24-14-5 W4. Approximately 10 miles northeast of Medicine Hat.

A horned lizard was located by the author and Lorna and Harry Arm-

bruster on 16 May 1972 on a south-facing slope in badlands about one-quarter mile east of the South Saskatchewan River. Specimen was forwarded to the National Museum of Canada.

24-11-11 W4. Approximately 5 miles northwest of Bow Island.

Four individuals were located by John Gunson and the author 18 August 1976. Three more individuals were located there by the author in 1977. Rod Burns of the Provincial Museum of Alberta collected a specimen at this locality in 1977. Lizards have been found on lightly

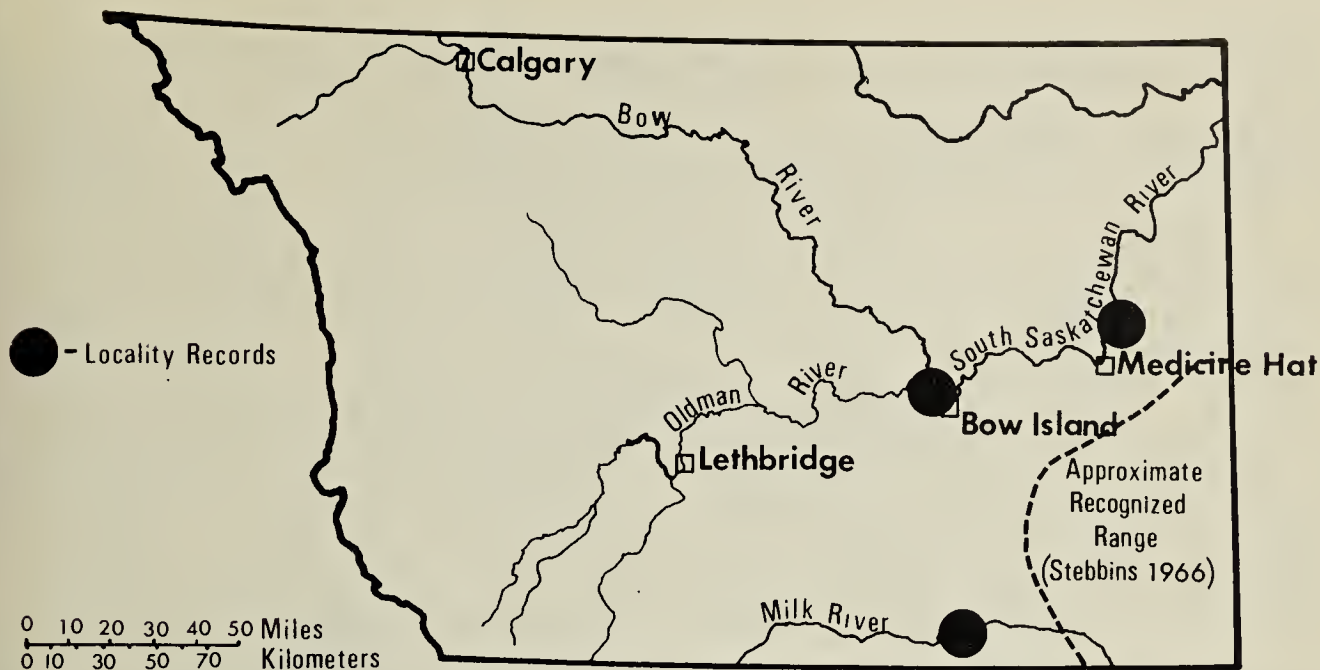


Figure 1: New distribution records and recognized range of short-horned lizards in Southern Alberta.

vegetated areas over the top one-half of south-facing banks of the South Saskatchewan River Valley.

SE 33-1-12 W4.

A specimen was located 10 July 1977 on west-facing outcrop of the south bank of the Milk River Valley by the writer. The Gilchrist family of Deer Creek Ranch, approximately two miles east of this locality, are familiar with the lizard and indicate that it likely occurs throughout the local area of badlands.

These records extend the known range of horned lizards in Alberta (Figure 1). As they were all located in more or less continuous areas of badlands, or near badlands, along the rivers the species may well be found considerably beyond the localities described.

¹STEBBINS, R. C. 1966. A field guide to western reptiles and amphibians. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. 279 pp.



Wild Blue Flax.

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