

RANGE EXTENSION OF *EUMECES FASCIATUS* (SCINCIDAE) INTO SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO

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On August 22, 1956, Earl Cranston and I collected a specimen of *Eumeces fasciatus* near Vickery in Sandusky County, Ohio (see fig.). It was apparently sunning itself on a fallen fence post a few feet from the Miller Blue Hole stream on the east side of the State owned Miller Blue Hole property. This specimen is 77 mm. long including tail, or 32 mm. from snout to vent. It is in my collection at the Department of Zoology and Entomology, The Ohio State University.

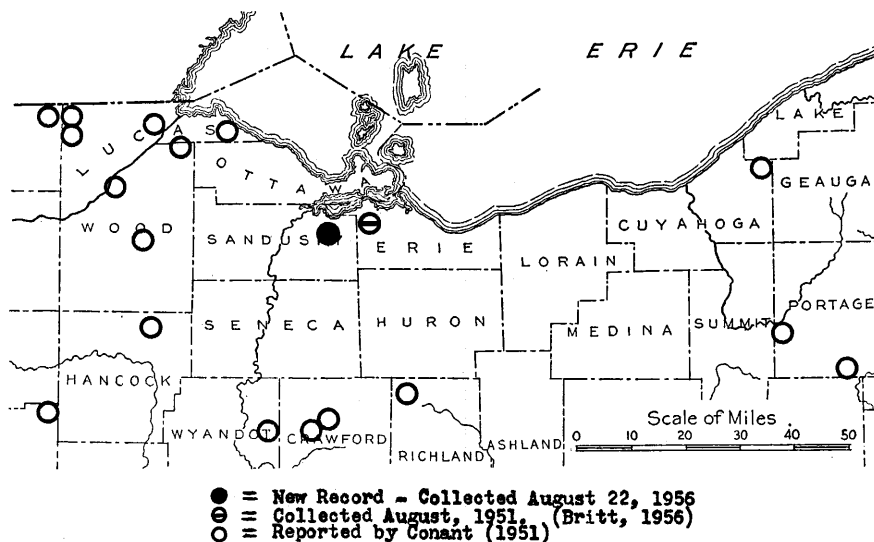


FIGURE 1. Map of North Central Ohio showing localities where *Eumeces fasciatus* has been collected. (For records for remainder of State see Conant, 1951).

In his distribution map of this species, Conant (1951, 269) showed that it is fairly evenly distributed over Ohio except for an area made up of several counties bordering or near the western end of Lake Erie and extending fanlike to include most of the eastern and southeastern counties. Since Sandusky and Erie Counties are included in this area, apparently no collections of *Eumeces fasciatus* had been reported from these counties prior to 1951.

In August of 1951 I collected a specimen near Castalia in Erie County (Britt, 1956). In the summer of 1952 I observed a specimen, estimated to be five to six inches in total length, on the trunk of a hollow willow tree (*Salix*) located on the south side of the Miller Blue Hole. This site was approximately two hundred yards from the place where the August 22, 1956, collection was made.

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