A NEW SNAKE OF THE GENUS HYDROPS FROM COLOMBIA

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While in Popayán recently Mr. F. C. Lehmann showed me the snakes in his care in the collection of the University of Cauca. Among them was a Hydrops which was taken in swampy terrain in the vicinity of the city (1760 m.) As Hydrops was supposed to be confined to the area east of the Andes this was quite a surprise. The species seems to be undescribed and may be called:

Hydrops lehmanni sp. nov.

TYPE: Adult female in the collection of the Univ. of Cauca.

TYPE LOCALITY: Popayán, Cauca, Colombia (1760 meters).

DIAGNOSIS: A Hydrops with 15 rows of dorsal scales; brown above with a black stripe low down on each side.

DESCRIPTION: Dorsal scales in 15 rows throughout body; ventrals 142; anal double; caudals 35 pairs (female); a single internasal, nasals in contact; a single prefrontal; frontals and parietals long and narrow; a tiny loreal on the right side, none on the left; nasal and preocular in contact on both sides; oculars 1-2; temporals 1-2 on the right side, 2-2 on the left; lower second temporal projects into seventh labial; upper labials 8, third and fourth in eye, seventh very small and low; lower labials 8, four in contact with the first of the two pair of equal geneials. Light brownish bronze above; a few paravertebral dark dots anteriorly; a black lateral band on scale rows 2, 3, and 4; scale row 1 with a black spot on each scale; tips of ventrals posteriorly each with a black spot, which spots become very large on the subcaudals; belly color cream; a dark and a light streak from eye to eighth upper labial. Length approximately 1140 mm., tail 160 mm.

REMARKS: I have only seen one other specimen of this genus from Colombia, one in the Instituto La Salle from La Pedrera on the Ca-
queta River near the Brazilian border. This also has 15 dorsal scales, but it is brilliantly ringed with dark brown and cream. It seems to be *Hydrops martii*, which has not been recorded from Colombia. The American Museum informs me that they have a Colombian specimen of this species from the Rio Cairary. Hermano Nicéforo María has recorded *Hydrops triangularis* from the Rio Caquetá and La Pedrera (1942, Revista Acad. Colombiana 5, 17, p. 92). *H. triangularis* has 17 rows of dorsal scales, and, if I remember a specimen from Trinidad correctly, many irregular dark markings above.