LAMPROPELTIS ALTERNA (Gray-banded Kingsnake).
MEXICO: DURANGO: Municipio de Santiago Papasquiaro:
East slope of the Sierra Madre Occidental (25.087°N, 105.542°W,
WGS 84), 2218 m elev. 31 July 2007. J. Reyes Velasco and M.
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Arlington Digital Collection (UTADC 1096). New municipality
record, third record for Durango, and first record for Sierra Madre Occidental, extending the known range ca. 100 km W of the closest other known Durango record, 5 mi. S of San Antonio near El Banco; 26 mi. N San Juan del Río, 4700 ft. elev. (Tanzer 1970. Herpetologica 26:419–428 [as L. mexicana]). Garsika (1982. Breviora 466:1–35 [as L. alternata]) reported the same specimen using the 26 mi. N San Juan Del Río locality (TCWC 36892) and Gadsden et al. (2006. Bull. Chicago Herpetol. Soc. 41:2–9) reported another taken in the Sierra el Sarnoso, Municipio Lerdo (between 1100 m and 1350 m elev.) in the northeastern portion of the state. The other two records are from Chihuahuan Desert scrub vegetation, whereas the snake reported herein was found in Madrean woodland vegetation at a higher elevation.

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