

Range Extension of the Collared Black-headed Snake, *Sibynophis collaris* (Gray 1853): A New Record from Southeastern Bangladesh

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The Collared Black-headed Snake (*Sibynophis collaris*) ranges from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia (?), West Malaysia, and into China and Taiwan (Bain et al. 2007; Bain 2010; Uetz et al. 2020). In Bangladesh, the species has been recorded in Lawachara National Park and the Rajkandi Reserve Forest near Moulvibazar in the northeastern part of the country (Rahman et al. 2013a; 2013b).

On 12 May 2020, we found an adult (total length ~90 cm) Collared Black-headed Snake (*Sibynophis collaris*) (Fig. 1) in Jamchiori Village, Nihongchari, Bandarban, Bangladesh (21°25'37.1"N, 92°10'50.8"E) (Fig. 2). We identified the snake based on descriptions in Hasan et al. (2014) and Khan (2018). The habitat in the area is mixed evergreen forest. Although this new record is approximately 470 km south of previously known locations in Bangladesh, populations of this species likely exist in forested habitats in intervening areas.



Fig. 1. A Collared Black-headed Snake (*Sibynophis collaris*) from Jamchiori Village, Nihongchari, Bandarban, Bangladesh. Photograph by Sanjoy Biswas Kajol.

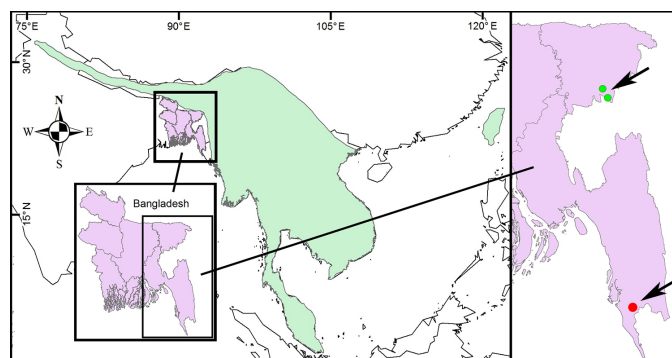


Fig. 2. Map showing the global range (pale green) and Bangladeshi records of the Collared Black-headed Snake (*Sibynophis collaris*). Previous records in Lawachara National Park and the Rajkandi Reserve Forest near Moulvibazar are indicated by green dots; the new record is indicated by the red dot.

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