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**RAMPHOTYPHLOPS BRAMINUS** (Brahminy Blindsnake). USA: FLORIDA: ALACHUA Co.: Gainesville: SR 121 N of intersection with SR 24 (1911 SW 34<sup>th</sup> St.) (29°38'04.07"N, 82°22' 15.55"W). 16 May 2007. Collected by Louis A. Somma. Verified

by Kenneth L. Krysko, Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida. One adult within a termite colony, beneath rock. UF 151211; additional specimens (UF 151212–14) were also found. All specimens were collected between 1200–1240 h at the Division of Plant Industry (DPI), Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In 2006, another adult *R. braminus* was collected by an employee at this site, near a greenhouse, and was kept in captivity until it escaped. *Rhamphotyphlops* is occasionally encountered by employees of DPI and it may be expanding its range, as there is one specimen (UF 147001) collected from the University of Florida campus (Powell Hall) adjacent to the DPI site (29°38'7.9080"N, 82°22'12.4320"W) on 10 May 2006, by J. Weber.

The first evidence of this species from Gainesville is an unpubspecimen record (29°39'23.0761"N, single lished 82°22'33.0240"W), from November 1999, I. A. Minno (UF 120116). The first published account referenced a specimen found at the USDA lab on the University of Florida campus (Townsend et al. 2002. Herpetol. Rev. 33:75). Although these specimens reported here do not expand the range of this species, they establish the presence of a population of R. braminus in Gainesville, Alachua Co. This Southeast Asian, parthenogenic typhlopid has been collected from at least 17 counties in Florida (Ernst and Brown 2000. Herpetol. Rev. 31:256; Ernst and Ernst 2003. Snakes of the United States and Canada. Smithsonian Inst. Books, Washington, DC; Meshaka et al. 2004. The Exotic Amphibians and Reptiles of Florida. Krieger Publ. Co., Malabar, Florida; Krysko et al. 2005. Herpetol. Rev. 36:85-87).

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