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Reptilia, Squamata, Iguanidae, *Stenocercus aculeatus*: Distribution extension and first record for Ecuador

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Until recently the name Stenocercus aculeatus was applied to two different species described as Leiocephalus aculeatus O'Shaughnessy 1879 and Leiocephalus angulifer Werner 1901 from eastern Ecuador and northeastern Peru, respectively. These two names were synonymized by Burt and Burt (1931) as Leiocephalus iridescens aculeatus, which was subsequently recognized Ophryoessoides aculeatus (Etheridge 1966) and later as Stenocercus aculeatus (Frost 1992). Upon resurrection of Stenocercus angulifer, which occurs in eastern Ecuador, S. aculeatus was restricted to the departments of La Libertad, Loreto, and San Martín at elevations of 723-1311 m in northeastern Peru (Torres-Carvajal 2007).

Herein we report the first record of Stenocercus aculeatus for Ecuador based on a donated (OCAZ 8121, male, snout-vent specimen length = 93 mm, tail length = 236 mm), which was collected in the surroundings of Zamora (4°4'12" S, 78°57'36" W, 925 m), province of Zamora Chinchipe (Figure 1). This locality lies approximately 276 km NW from the nearest record (AMNH 57083, Departamento Loreto, Peru) of Stenocercus aculeatus reported literature (Torres-Carvajal the The record reported in this paper increases to 16 the number of species of Stenocercus from Ecuador (Torres-Carvajal 2008).

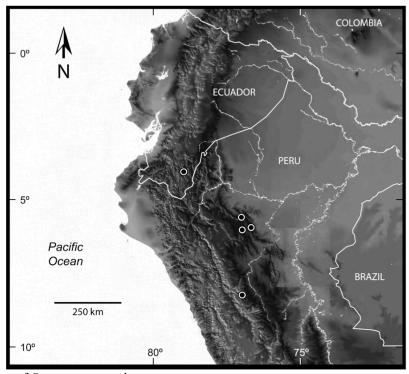


Figure 1. Distribution of Stenocercus aculeatus.

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