

A NEW RECORD OF *BUFO PUNCTATUS* IN MURRAY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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The writers herein wish to report the occurrence of *Bufo punctatus* near "Fossil" or White mound in the Arbuckle Mountains, Murray County, Oklahoma. Eight specimens, all immature, were obtained. The identification was checked by Dr. A. H. Wright of Cornell University.

The toads were found hopping about in an eroded wash just south of the mound. The day was cool and cloudy and a heavy rain had fallen during the preceding night and early morning. The animals were captured about 3:00 p. m., July 17, 1938. They were apparently feeding, as all those observed were in the open and active.

Across the wash, some two or three hundred yards downstream from the collecting grounds, a dam had been erected. It impounded a small muddy pond which contained water throughout most of the year. It is probable that this pond served as the breeding ground, although no tadpoles were found.

Oklahoma is not included in the distribution range given in the manuals commonly used in identifying amphibia. Dr. A. I. Ortenburger reports that the University of Oklahoma Museum has four specimens of *Bufo punctatus* from other districts in the state than Murray County. It is probable that this toad is widely distributed throughout the western part of the state. We feel that it is, therefore, important to include Oklahoma within the range of this interesting red-spotted "canyon toad."