

## A NEW HOST RECORD OF THE TREMATODE *NEORENIFER SERPENTIS*\*

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On September 4, 1940, twenty-five flukes were collected from the oral cavity and oesophagus of a specimen of *Heterodon contortrix* (spreading adder). These were fixed with Bouin's fluid and stained in borax carmine. The fluke proved to be *Neoreniifer serpentis* Schmiat and Hubbard 1940. The only difference noted between our specimens and the ones described by Schmidt and Hubbard was in regard to the position of the ovary, which in our specimens is dorsal rather than posterodorsal to the acetabulum.

*N. serpentis* was reported originally from *Aphistodrom piscivorus* (water moccasin); the purpose of this note is to make a new host record.

### LITERATURE CITED

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