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## A Melanistic Individual of *Eurycea multiplicata* Cope

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During a field trip to the southeastern section of Oklahoma in the spring of 1951, a small, very black salamander was collected by the junior author. Inasmuch as it could not be certainly identified by following the keys available (1, 2) it was brought for identification to the senior author.

The characters of the vomerine teeth were observed and our observations on these, as well as on the costal groove count, were checked by Dr. Bryan Glass of the Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. All characteristics except color agree with those of the many ribbed salamander, *Eurycea multiplicata* Cope. Since the animal was taken in a region known to be occupied by this species and from a habitat typical of it, we therefore conclude that this is a melanistic individual of this species, the first to come to our notice.

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