

# New Records of *Dolichophis caspius* (GMELIN, 1789), (Reptilia: Colubridae) in Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia

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**Abstract:** The Balkan Whipsnake, *Dolichophis caspius* (GMELIN, 1789), was sampled at the foot of the Bansko brdo Hill in Croatia, on the stations of Zmajevac (UTM: CR 37). It is the first time when the species *Dolichophis caspius* is recorded from the continental part of Croatia. In addition to this new finding for Croatia, there are also new findings for the area of Montenegro and Serbia. The *Dolichophis caspius* was sampled in an orchard near Negotin (UTM: FP 29) and near Tuzi (UTM: CM 69) in the vicinity of the border with Albania. Finding sites are identified by a 10 x 10 km UTM grid (Universal Transverse Mercator).

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