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A NEW CENTRAL AMERICAN SNAKE

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Included in a collection of snakes made by the author while a guest of Señor Juan Zenon Posadas at his coffee plantation on the southern slope of the Volcan Zunil, Suchitepequez, Guatemala, is a new species of *Trimetopon*. I take great pleasure in naming this species after my host, who was largely responsible for my success in collecting reptiles and amphibians in that most interesting region. My thanks are due Mr. Karl P. Schmidt and Dr. E. R. Dunn for examining the type specimen; they verified my conclusion that it represents an undescribed species.

***Trimetopon posadasi* Slevin, new species**

Type.—No. 66964, Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci. Herpetol. **Southern slope Volcan Zunil, Suchitepequez, Guatemala.** Collected by Joseph R. Slevin, August 8, 1924.

Diagnosis. Male: scales in 17 rows; gastrosteges 138; urosteges 92c; anal divided; supralabials 7-7; infralabials 8-8; preoculars 1-1; postoculars 1-1; loreal 1-1; temporals 1+1-1+1; four infralabials in contact with the anterior chin shields; rostral broad and low. Color above uniform dark brown, with two outer scale rows lighter. Under surface uniform yellowish. A distinct yellowish collar band three to three and one-half scales wide engages the posterior tips of the parietals. Total length 276 mm.; tail 94 mm.

Paratypes. Four paratypes, C. A. S. Herpetol. Nos. 66962, 66963, 66965, 66966 from the type locality, collected by Joseph R. Slevin, and one, Field Museum of Natural History No. 20420, from Olan de Moca, southern slope of Volcan Atitlan, Solola, Guatemala, collected by F. J. W. Schmidt, March 9, 1934, show that the under-surface of this species may be either yellowish or whitish in coloration; three of the specimens from the type locality and the one from Volcan Atitlan are of the latter color.

SCALE COUNTS OF THE PARATYPES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

No.	Sex	Scale Rows	Gastrosteges	Urosteges	Anal	Supralabials	Infralabials	Preoculars	Postoculars	Loreal	Temporals
C. A. S.	♀	17	147	88c	2	7-7	8-8	1-1	1-1	1-1	1+2-1+2
C. A. S.	♀	17	139	88c	2	7-7	8-8	1-1	1-1	1-1	1+2-1+2
C. A. S.	♀	17	144	80c	2	7-7	8-8	1-1	1-1	1-1	1+1-1+2
C. A. S.	♂	17	142	93c	2	7-7	8-8	1-1	1-1	1-1	1+2-1+2
F. M. N. H.	♀	17	149	93c	2	7-7	8-8	1-1	1-1	1-1	1+1-1+2