

A SYNONYMIC CATALOG OF THE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS OF ILLINOIS

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ABSTRACT

The object of the paper was to present a complete bibliography of Illinois herpetology, with a concordance of the scientific names used, in the hope that a greater interest in our herpetofauna might be awakened and encouraged. Since there is at present insufficient Illinois material in museums to warrant a really comprehensive work on the reptiles and amphibians of this State, and since the only inclusive account was published over forty years ago, such a listing serves to bring the subject up-to-date for further research.

Sixty papers dealing with Illinois herpetology enumerate seventeen species of salamanders, nineteen of frogs, five of lizards, forty-one of snakes, and fourteen of turtles actually found. *Natrix sipedon confluens* Blanchard, not previously reported from the State, is added on the basis of specimens from Olive Branch, Alexander County, in Field Museum of Natural History.

The author urgently requests all persons interested in this part of our fauna to communicate with him and to cooperate in his work toward a "Herpetology of Illinois."