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Introduction

- 32 Johann Ludwig Christian Gravenhorst (1777–1857) was the founder and the first director of the
- 33 Zoological Museum at the University of Wrocław (currently Museum of Natural History). His
- main interests lied in entomology, particularly in beetles and, later, ichneumonid wasps
- 35 (Jałoszyński & Wanat, 2014). However, like many naturalists of his time, Gravenhorst had a
- 36 comprehensive knowledge on many other groups of animals as well. During his directorship at
- 37 the museum (from its foundation in 1814 to Gravenhorst's death in 1857) he acquired large
- 38 collections of fishes, amphibians and reptiles from around the world, and published numerous
- 39 articles on the latter two groups of vertebrates (Jałoszyński & Wanat, 2014). Among them were
- 40 the descriptions of several new species of reptiles (e.g., Gravenhorst, 1838; Gravenhorst, 1851).
- 41 Type specimens of these forms were usually deposited in the museum in Wrocław. However, at
- 42 least half of the zoological specimens and 90% of exhibits were destroyed during the World War
- 43 II, particularly when the city was sieged and turned into Festung Breslau in 1945 (Wanat &
- Pokryszko, 2014). Identification of some presumably lost specimens after the war was hindered
- by the fact that as a part of the "polonisation" of the museum, when the city became part of
- 46 Poland again original German labels were replaced by Polish ones (Wiktor, 1997). During the
- 47 process, sometimes errors (e.g., misspellings) were made (Borczyk, 2013). Some of important
- 48 Gravenhorst's zoological specimens were rediscovered after the war (Jałoszyński & Wanat,
- 49 2014) but it was long thought that most of or even all these type specimens of reptiles were also
- lost at that time (e.g., Dubois & Ohler, 2000; Etheridge & Frost, 2012). However, it turned out
- 51 that some of them survived the war. First, the holotype of *Liolaemus lemniscatus*, was recently
- redescribed (Borczyk, 2013) and here we redescribe other type specimens of lizards that were
- rediscovered in the collections of the Museum of Natural History, University of Wrocław, and
- 54 discuss taxonomic implications of these findings.
- 55 Many species, including all named by Gravenhorst (except *L. lemniscatus*) were synonymised by
- Boulenger (1885). He did not discuss his nomenclatural decisions but they were later accepted,



- even if only tentatively, by Etheridge & Espinoza (2000), Etheridge & Frost (2012), Pincheira-
- Donoso, Scolaro & Sura (2008) and Abdala & Quinteros (2014). However, some other species
- regarded as junior synonyms by Boulenger (1885), such as L. oxycephalus and L. inconspicuus,
- 60 were later revived from synonymy (Troncoso-Palacios & Garin, 2013), which warrants careful
- 61 re-examination and comparisons of such historical specimens.

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Material & Methods

- We focused on describing morphological characters used by previous authors (Ortiz, 1981;
- Laurent, 1992; Lobo, 2001; Lobo, 2005; Troncoso-Palacios and Garin, 2013; Troncoso-Palacios
- et al., 2015) and considered to be taxonomically informative. Identification and nomenclature of
- 67 scales follows Etheridge (2000) for liolaemids and Harvey, Ugueto & Gutberlet Jr (2012) for
- 68 teiid *Callopistes maculatus*. Colour pattern description follows the terminology given in Lobo &
- 69 Espinoza (1999). Whenever possible, measurements were taken using a digital caliper to the
- 70 nearest 0.1 mm.
- 71 A small amount of muscle tissue was taken from *Liolaemus conspersus*, *L. hieroglyphicus* (both
- 72 specimens of L. lineatus and the "mysterious specimen" were in too poor condition) and two
- 73 *Chalcides viridanus* specimens in attempt to extract DNA. Unfortunately, these attempts were
- values on unsuccessful, so all descriptions and taxonomic assessments were made entirely based on
- 75 morphology.
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- 86 Abbreviations: MNHUW (UWZM) Museum of Natural History, University of Wrocław; SMF
- 87 Senckenberg Forschungsinstitut und Naturmuseum Frankfurt, SVL snout-vent length.

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Results & Discussion

- 90 Liolaemus conspersus
- 91 This species was described by Gravenhorst (1838) on the basis of a single individual from
- 92 Cauquenes Province in Chile. It was synonymised with *Ptychodeira Fitzingeri* (currently
- 93 Liolaemus fitzingeri) by Fitzinger (1843) and with L. nigromaculatus by Boulenger (1885).
- However, Hellmich (1934) was unsure about the synonymy of *L. conspersus* with *L.*



- 95 *nigromaculatus*. lotype of this species survived the war and was rediscovered during our
- 96 inspections.
- 97 **Redescription of the holotype.** It is a large and robust lizard (MNHUW 1321; Fig. 1). The
- 98 specimen is in relatively good condition, only the left posterior margin of the mouth is damaged
- 99 (Fig. 2). Also, the left side of the head is much more flattened than the right one. The teeth are
- 100 highly worn but the posterior ones are tricuspid.
- 101 Interparietal scale large (slightly smaller than the parietals), subtriangular, with slightly concave
- right and slightly convex left margins. It contacts six scales. Frontal scale single, approximately
- dumbbell-shaped, with straight anterior margin and posterior margin forming an obtuse angle.
- Five scales separate rostral from the frontal and seven scales separate it from the interparietal.
- 105 Rostral contacts nasal at a point. Nostrils directed laterally on the right side and dorso-laterally
- on the left (probably due to distortion of the specimen). Nasal separated from the canthal by one
- scale, contacts eight scales. Eight scales between the external nares. There are four flat and long
- supralabials, the fourth one is located below the eye and has an oblique posterior border. Four
- loreals, one of them contacts the subocular. One row of lorilabials between supralabials and
- loreals. Six infralabials present, the second one contacts four scales (including two other
- infralabials). There are five enlarged postmental scales (chinshields) on the right side, on the left
- there are only four scales but the second one clearly originated by fusion of two scales. Second
- postmentals are separated from each other by two gular scales. Anteriormost gulars slightly
- elongated and juxtaposed, others are wider than long and imbricate. Temporal scales with
- varying shapes: some are subtriangular, some quadrungular, some pentagonal and some
- 116 hexagonal. All are juxtaposed and unkeeled.
- About 73 dorsal scales between occiput and the anterior surface of thighs. There are 115 ventral
- scales between mental scale and vent and 77 scales around the midbody. Most of the ventrals are
- 119 quadrangular and juxtaposed or subimbricate, some are pentagonal. Lateral neck scales rounded
- or lanceolate, strongly keeled, while lateral neck scales are small and bead-like. Dorsal scales
- larger than dorsal neck scales but otherwise very similar (Fig. 3A). Interstitial granules present
- between dorsals. Postaxial surface of the forelimbs is covered by relatively large, rounded,
- imbricate scales. Arm scales lightly keeled or unkeeled, while forearm scales are strongly keeled.
- Preaxial surface of the arm is covered by much smaller, more rounded or bead-like, slightly
- imbricate scales. There are 22 infradigital lamellae on the right third finger and 22 on the left
- one. Dorsal thigh scales rounded or lanceolate, imbricate and keeled. Lateral thigh scales much
- smaller, rounded or bead-like. Shank scales relatively large, rounded or lanceolate, very lightly
- keeled or unkeeled. Postaxial scales on the proximal part of the shank are small, round and
- slightly imbricate. Both dorsal and ventral foot scales are rounded or lanceolate and strongly
- keeled. No femoral and anal pores are visible (Fig. 3B). There are 31 infradigital lamellae on the
- left fourth toe and 30 on the right one (see Table 1 for morphometric data on this and other
- 132 redescribed lizards).
- Dorsal colouration light grey, with the tail being slightly more yellowish. No difference in
- background colour between vertebral and paravertebral fields. Vertebral, dorso- or ventrolateral
- 135 stripes absent. Numerous dark spots or short stripes are faintly visible on almost the entire
- dorsum and limbs. They are much better visible on the dorsal and lateral aspects of the head. No



- antehumeral spot can be unambiguously identified. Several darker longitudinal stripes are faintly visible on the throat. Apart from that, ventral colouration is uniformly grey-yellowish.
- Discussion. Liolaemus conspersus is the only species described by Gravenhorst (1838), which
- subsequent synonimisation by Boulenger (1885) was later put to doubt (Hellmich, 1934), even if
- most authors accepted it (Etheridge & Espinoza, 2000; Pincheira-Donoso, Scolaro & Sura,
- 142 2008). Liolaemus nigromaculatus, its presumed senior synonym, and several closely related
- species, together belonging to the *nigromaculatus* species group, were redescribed and diagnosed
- in recent years (Troncoso-Palacios & Garin, 2013; Troncoso-Palacios et al., 2015). While the
- diagnosis of the whole group is difficult to establish (Troncoso-Palacios & Garin, 2013), it seems
- that L. conspersus differs from most of its members in at least several characters. Nasal and
- rostral scales contact at a point in *L. conspersus*, which differentiates it from *L. nigromaculatus*,
- 148 L. atacamensis, L. kuhlmanni, L. silvai and L. zapallarensis, in which these scales are separated.
- 149 The second postmental scales are separated by two scales a condition that is present only in
- some L. atacamensis individuals (6 of 15, i.e. 40%, in the sample of Troncoso-Palacios et al.,
- 2015), while in others these scales are separated by just one scale or are in contact. Interstitial
- granules between dorsal scales are present, as in some L. nigromaculatus and L. atacamensis but
- not in L. silvai and L. zapallarensis. Liolaemus conspersus has significantly more scales around
- the midbody than any of the lizards named above -77, while in the others the range is 48-62
- 155 (Troncoso-Palacios & Garin, 2013; Troncoso-Palacios et al., 2015). Holotype of L. conspersus is
- also larger than all individuals of L. atacamensis, L. kuhlmanni, L. silvai and L. nigromaculatus
- examined by Troncoso-Palacios & Garin (2013) and Troncoso-Palacios et al. (2015), although
- only slightly in the case of the latter species. However, it should also be noted that the method
- and time of fixation and preservation of the specimen (which are impossible to compare between
- 160 L. conspersus and specimens studied by Troncoso-Palacios et al., 2015) might have an effect on
- its body measurements, especially SVL (Vervust, Van Dongen & Van Damme, 2009).
- 162 It is also worth noting that the phylogeny and taxonomic content of the *nigromaculatus* group are
- not well established. Mitochondrial DNA analysis by Troncoso-Palacios et al. (2015) indicates
- that all these species are closely related but Panzera et al. (2017), on the basis of analyses using
- 541 ultra-conserved elements and 44 protein-coding genes, suggest that *L. atacamensis* is only
- distantly related to other named species, even though it is morphologically most similar to L.
- 167 nigromaculatus (Troncoso-Palacios & Garin, 2013).

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Liolaemus hieroglyphicus

- Gravenhorst (1838) described this species on the basis of a single individual from Cauquenes
- Province in Chile. It was synonymised with *Ptychodeira* signifera (currently *Liolaemus* signifer)
- by Fitzinger (1843), with L. olivaceus (currently regarded as synonym of L. chiliensis; Pincheira-
- Donoso & Núñez, 2005) by Tschudi (1845) and with L. *lemniscatus* by Boulenger (1885).
- 174 Unfortunately, this specimen was not illustrated by Gravenhorst (1838). However, we think that
- an unlabelled specimen found in the collection is the missing holotype. Our assertion is based on
- the following reasons: 1) Gravenhorst (1838) stated that 5/6 of the holotype tail is regenerated;
- comparable part of the tail is regenerated in the rediscovered specimen; 2) there is an indentation
- around the neck, which was also noted by Gravenhorst (1838) for L. hieroglyphicus (also for L.



- *unicolor* which is, however, clearly different from the specimen described herein); 3) the
- individual is of similar size and colour to those reported originally by Gravenhorst (1838).
- 181 Immediately after *L. hieroglyphicus*, Gravenhorst (1838) described also a "variety", which he
- apparently regarded as intermediate between L. hieroglyphicus and L. lemniscatus. However, it is
- unclear whether he intended this form to be a variety of the former species (this is position taken
- by Tschudi, 1845) or regarded it as a taxon of yet unclear taxonomic position. It was based on a
- smaller individual than the type of *L. hieroglyphicus*. We were not able to locate this specimen.
- 186 Regardless of these uncertainties, the surviving specimen of *L. hieroglyphicus* is the only type
- specimen of the type variety and thus can be regarded as the holotype of that species.
- 188 **Redescription of the holotype.** The specimen (MNHUW 1322) is in very good condition (Figs.
- 189 4–5). There are no visible damages, except the indentation around the neck (which was already
- present at the time of Gravenhorst's work); even colour pattern apparently close to the original is
- 191 preserved.
- 192 Interparietal scale hexagonal but with rounded margins, contacts six scales and is much smaller
- than parietals. Interparietal is separated by seven scales (at the midline) from the rostral. Frontal
- scale hexagonal but with nearly straight anterior margin, is separated from the rostral by five
- scales. Rostral and nasal in broad contact. Nasal separated from canthal by one scale. Two pairs
- of internasals, first one in medial contact, second pair separated by one scale. Posteriorly, they
- 197 contact two large, hexagonal frontonasals, also separated medially by one scale. Four
- supralabials, the fourth one is located below the eye and has an upturned posterior margin. One
- 199 row of lorilabials separates supralabials from loreals. Loreal region concave, contains four
- 200 loreals. Temporal scales polygonal, some with rounded posterior margin, juxtaposed or slightly
- imbricate, not keeled. Three enlarged supraoculars, with the first one being the largest. Seven
- supraciliaries. Four infralabials present, the second one contacts four scales, including two other
- 203 infralabials. Four pairs of enlarged postmental scales (chinshields). The first pair in contact, the
- second pair separated by two scales. Most gulars oval, slightly imbricate.
- Nuchal and dorsal scales imbricate, keeled and lanceolate with mucrons (some rounded without
- 206 mucrons). There are 56 scales around the midbody. Only the tail scales lack keel. Ventral scales
- 207 round, juxtaposed or only minimally imbricate. Lateral scales similar to ventral scales, only
- around the limbs they are much smaller, round or bead-like. Forelimb scales round or lanceolate,
- 209 imbricate, only some on the postaxial surface are lightly keeled. Posterior surface of the arms
- 210 covered by round, granular, slightly imbricate scales. There are 15 infradigital lamellae on the
- 211 right third finger and 16 on the left one. Scales on the hindlimbs are very similar to those on the
- venter. Only on the foot they are much smaller and quadrungular rather than round. There are 22
- 213 infradigital lamellae on both the left and the right fourth toes.
- 214 Dorsal background colouration almost uniformly grey. There are numerous short (usually two-
- 215 three scales long) brown stripes extending from the occiput to the preserved part of the tail,
- 216 resembling a dotted line running along the spine. Similar stripes are also present on the temporal
- region. Numerous small brown spots occur on almost entire pileus (usually several on a single
- scale), supralabials and infralabials. Paravertebral fields covered by many brown spots (usually
- one-two scales long and two-four scales wide). Whitish dorso- and ventrolateral lines present.

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Between them, lateral fields also covered by brown-black spots, less numerous but larger than 220 paravertebral spots. Whole ventral body part uniformly whitish. 221 **Discussion.** Holotype of L. hieroglyphicus shows many similarities to L. lemniscatus, with which 222 it was synonymised (Boulenger, 1885). It is of similar size (SVL), has similar distance between 223 axilla and groin and number of scales around the midbody (Martinez et al., 2011). It shares 224 several traits of scalation with L. lemniscatus holotype (Borczyk, 2013), such as hexagonal 225 interparietal, much smaller than the parietals; presence of three enlarged supraorbitals, of which 226 the first one is the largest; contact between nasal and rostral; separation of nasal and canthal by 227 one scale; dorsal scales being keeled, mucronate and imbricate. However, these two specimens 228 229 differ significantly in the scalation of the anterior part of the pileus. In L. lemniscatus, there are no single median scales, while in L. hieroglyphicus two such scales are present, separating 230 231 second pair of internasals and both frontonasals. Also, lateral neck scales in the former species are lanceolate, keeled and imbricate, while in the latter they are granular and unkeeled, being 232 more similar to those in L. pseudolemniscatus (Troncoso-Palacios, 2011). Liolaemus 233 hieroglyphicus has fewer infradigital lamellae on the fourth toe than L. lemniscatus specimens 234 studied by Martinez et al. (2011) but more than the holotype of that species (Borczyk, 2013). 235 236 Liolaemus lemniscatus 237 Holotype of this species (MNHUW [= UWZM] Re 0027) survived the war and was recently 238 redescribed (Borczyk, 2013). 239 240 241 Liolaemus lineatus Gravenhorst (1838) distinguished four varieties of this species = main and three 242 "subvarieties" – "Hauptart" and "Abarten" in German). Although the exact number of specimens 243 he had studied is not stated in his article, this suggests that he had at least four specimens in his 244 collection; indeed, four individuals are illustrated – two of the main variety and one specimen each of the second and third varieties. First variety was not illustrated, so probably its type and 246 only specimen was not present in Gravenhorst's collection. This is supported by the survey of 247 two museum catalogues which survived the war – in the first one, four specimens of L. lineatus 248 are listed (later updated to two specimens), while in the second one, three specimens are listed 249 (Fig. 6). It is thus possible that some of these lizards were lost even before the war. 250 All specimens of L. lineatus were collected in Valparaíso in Chile. First and second varieties 251 were synonymised with L. olivaceus (currently considered synonym of L. chiliensis; Pincheira-252 Donoso & Núñez, 2005) by Fitzinger (1843), while the third variety was synonymised with L. 253 chiliensis. Boulenger (1885) synonymised this species with L. nitidus. Two individuals, 254 belonging to the second and the third varieties, were rediscovered but the specimen representing 255 the unillustrated first variety and both specimens of the main variety are probably lost. Both 256 rediscovered specimens were dried and in very poor condition – however, rehydration in 0.5% 257 258 Na₃PO₄ improved their condition and allowed us to describe many taxonomically informative 259 characters.



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First specimen (Gravenhorst's second variety). Relatively large and robust lizard of stout 260 appearance (MNHUW 1323; Figs. 7–8). The specimen is damaged on the right side of the 261 venter, where scales are missing. The teeth are highly worn but it appears that the anterior teeth 262 are conical while the posterior ones are multicusped. At least one tooth is visible on the left 263 pterygoid and at least one on the right one. The interparietal scale is pentagonal, elongated 264 posteriorly, smaller than parietals. It contacts six scales and is separated by nine scales from the 265 rostral. Frontal scale single, large, pentagonal, with almost straight anterior and right margins 266 and slightly concave left margin. It is separated by seven scales from the rostral. Internarial 267 region fragmented asymmetrically into six scales. Nasal scale contacts seven scales; it is in broad 268 contact with rostral and is separated by one scale from the canthal. A roughly rhomboidal scale 269 located between prefrontals and frontonasals. There is also a single median scale between 270 anterior parts of frontonasals. Three enlarged supraoculars, with the first one being the largest 271 and the second one – the smallest. Four supralabials present, with the fourth one located below 272 the eye and having an upturned posterior border. Loreal region concave, contains six (seven on 273 the left side) scales two of which contact the subocular on the right side (three on the left). It is 274 275 separated from supralabials by one row of lorilabials. Six infralabials visible on the right side but only five on the left. There are three pairs of enlarged postmental scales (chinshields); the first 276 one is in contact, the second one is separated medially by two scales. Temporal scales are round 277 or lanceolate, keeled and imbricate. A small patch of much smaller, oval and juxtaposed scales 278 covers posterior border of the auditory meatus. 279

Dorsal scales large, imbricate, strongly keeled and mucronate. Tail scales form numerous annuli, visible particularly from the ventral side. Ventral tail scales have smaller mucrons. Ventral scales (including gulars) also relatively large, lanceolate or rounded (particularly gulars), imbricate, not keeled. Posterior part of thighs covered by much smaller, oval, juxtaposed scales. No femoral and preanal pores are visible. There are 19 infradigital lamellae on the right third finger (17 on the left one) and 25 on the right fourth toe (25 on the left one).

Colour of the head and dorsum blue-grey. Numerous darker spots visible on the lateral side of the head, they cover the background colour on the pileus. Ventral body part almost uniformly white-yellow, with the throat covered by several faintly visible darker longitudinal stripes.

Second specimen (Gravenhorst's third variety). This specimen is much smaller than the previous one (MNHUW 1323 – catalogued under the same number as the other syntype; Figs. 9–10). It has a small damage on the venter. The interparietal is hexagonal, expanded posteriorly and smaller than the parietals. It contacts six scales. Frontal scale paired; the right one is hexagonal and elongated, while the left one is shorter and has more rounded margins. Five scales separate rostral and frontal scales and seven separate rostral and interparietal. Internarial region fragmented into six scales, with one scale at the midline. Posteriorly to postrostrals, there are three scales, arranged in a midline row and separating frontonasals from each other. Nasal scale pentagonal, contacts six scales and is separated both from the canthal and the rostral by one scale. Three enlarged supraoculars, with the first one being the largest. Loreal region slightly concave, contains six scales, three of which contact the subocular. Five supralabials present; the fourth one is located below the eye and has an upturned posterior margin. One row of lorilabials separate them from the loreals. Five infralabials. Three pairs of enlarged postmental scales (chinshields) present, the first pair in median contact, the second one separated by two scales.



- Temporal scales imbricate, rounded or lanceolate, keeled (only the smallest lack keel). Ventral and posterior borders of auditory meatus covered by very small, lanceolate, unkeeled scales.
- 305 Dorsal and ventral scalation is very similar to that in the previous specimen dorsal scales are
- 306 imbricate, lanceolate (only the anteriormost nuchal scales are rounded), keeled and mucronate
- 307 (although the mucrons are slightly smaller), while the ventrals are large, flat, rounded (gulars and
- ventral neck scales) or lanceolate, imbricate and unkeeled. No femoral and preanal pores can be
- observed. There are 18 infradigital lamellae on the right third finger (18 on the left one) and 25
- on the right fourth toe (26 on the left one).
- Discussion. *Liolaemus nitidus* has long been regarded as a taxon with its relationships difficult to
- establish (Pincheira-Donoso & Núñez, 2005). Most recent morphological studies agree on its
- affinities to L. robertmertensi and L. chiliensis (Lobo, 2001; Lobo, 2005; Pincheira-Donoso &
- Núñez, 2005; Quinteros, 2013). However, its phylogenetic position in molecular analyses is
- 315 highly variable (Troncoso-Palacios et al., 2015; Panzera et al., 2017; Portelli & Quinteros, 2018),
- 316 strongly depending not only on the taxon sampling and markers used but also on the
- computational method employed (compare Figs. 3–4 in Portelli & Quinteros, 2018). However, it
- 318 was always only distantly related to both *L. robertmertensi* and *L. chiliensis* (which were also
- distantly related to each other) in analyses conducted by Troncoso-Palacios et al. (2015) and
- Portelli & Quinteros (2018). Thus, it is difficult to evaluate potential synonymy based only on
- 321 the morphological characters. The matters are further complicated by the fact that *L. nitidus* is
- 322 probably a paraphyletic species, with some of its lineages being more closely related to some
- 323 lineages of *L. monticola* (which probably is also paraphyletic; Torres-Pérez et al., 2017). The
- larger specimen of L. lineatus (Gravenhorst's second variety) is indeed similar to L. nitidus in its
- large size, robustness, presence of lanceolate, keeled and mucronate dorsal scales and imbricate
- and keeled temporal scales (Pincheira-Donoso & Núñez, 2005). Thus, currently there seems to
- be no reason to disprove its synonymy with *L. nitidus* (Boulenger, 1885). However, the second
- surviving specimen (Gravenhorst's third variety) differs from the first one (and from L. nitidus;
- Pincheira-Donoso & Núñez, 2005) in several characters that have been regarded as
- taxonomically informative such as presence of two frontal scales rather than one (also, with
- different shape in comparison to L. nitidus) and contact between nasal and rostral scales. It is
- possible that this specimen represents different lineage of L. nitidus but without molecular data it
- is currently impossible to evaluate. However, its synonymy with *L. nitidus* is doubtful. It is more
- similar to L. chiliensis (species with which it was synonymised by Fitzinger, 1843) in having a
- subdivided frontal scale. However, it differs from that species in presence of contact between
- rostral and nasal scales (Pincheira-Donoso & Núñez, 2005).
- Because of the differences between those two specimens and the fact that the first specimen
- (second variety) is more similar to members of the type variety in scalation of the pileus (the
- only trait that can be compared), we designate it as the lectotype of L. lineatus. The second
- specimen (third variety) thus becomes the paralectotype, at least until its taxonomic status
- 341 (potential conspecificity with the lectotype) is resolved.

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Liolaemus marmoratus



- Gravenhorst (1838) described this species on the basis of a single individual from Cauquenes
- Province in Chile. It was synonymised with *L. nitidus* by Boulenger (1885). The name *Liolaemus*
- 346 marmoratus was also coined by Burmeister (1861) for the species of an Argentinean lioalemid.
- However, as it is homonymous with that coined by Gravenhorst (1838), it was later replaced by
- 348 Liolaemus pseudoanomalus Cei, 1981. We were not able to find the type of L. marmoratus and
- regard it as most probably lost.

- Liolaemus unicolor
- This species was described on the basis of a single individual collected in the Cauquenes
- Province, in the Andean foothills, near the hot springs, about 20 German miles (150 kilometres)
- south of St. Jago (Santiago), Chile. It was synonymised with *L. nitidus* by Boulenger (1885).
- Unfortunately, it was unillustrated and we were not able to find any specimen unambiguously
- matching Gravenhorst's (1838) description. Thus, we regard this specimen as most probably lost
- 357 (but see the "Mysterious specimen" section below).

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- "Mysterious specimen"
- We found a very poorly preserved, dry specimen of liolaemid lizard labelled as "Liolaemus sp.
- 361 (?)" (MNHUW uncatalogued; Fig. 11). Most of the lizard body is scaleless. Fortunately,
- however, scales on the pileus are sufficiently well preserved to allow us to determine that this
- lizard is not one of the specimens illustrated by Gravenhorst (1838). Thus, it definitely does not
- represent the main variety of *L. lineatus* and *L. marmoratus*. It also differs from the illustrated
- individuals of *L. oxycephalus* and *L. nitidus*. Generally, however, it resembles *L. nitidus* in
- 366 having imbricate, strongly keeled and mucronate anterior dorsal and lateral scales. Interparietal is
- pentagonal and slightly asymmetric, contacts with five scales and is smaller than parietals.
- Frontal scale roughly quadrangular, with nearly straight anterior margin and asymmetric
- posterior margin, slightly wider anteriorly. Fourth supralabial is located below the eye, has an
- oblique posterior margin and does not contact subocular. Supraorbital semicircles complete on
- both sides. Three enlarged supraoculars, with the first one being the largest. Temporal scales
- lanceolate and imbricate, probably keeled. Scales covering limbs are imbricate and some of them
- have mucrons. Unfortunately, they are too poorly preserved to determine whether they were
- in the interiors. Official actify, they are too poorly preserved to determine whether they were
- keeled. It is unlikely that this specimen represents the unillustrated first variety of *L. lineatus* (see
- discussion above) but it could be the lost specimen of *L. unicolor*, which was also synonymised
- with L. nitidus. Gravenhorst (1838) stated that L. unicolor had relatively low head ("not higher
- 377 than in *Sceloporus torquatus*" specimen which he illustrated). Morphology of the "mysterious
- 378 specimen" is consistent with this remark but it is unclear how reliable it is, given its poor state of
- preservation. Thus, the true identity of this specimen remains unclear but most probably it
- 380 represents *L. nitidus* or a very similar species.

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Leiocephalus schreibersii

- 383 The iguanian lizard *Leiocephalus schreibersii* was originally described by Gravenhorst under the
- name *Pristinotus Schreibersii* on the basis of a single individual collected by Parreys in Santo
- Domingo, Dominican Republic (Gravenhorst, 1838). The holotype has long been thought to be



lost (e.g., Pregill, 1992) and we were also unable to locate it in the collection. Recently, a 386 neotype (SMF 26228) has been designated for this species (Köhler, Rodríguez Bobadilla & 387 Hedges, 2016). 388

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Callopistes maculatus

Gravenhorst (1838) described the teiid *Callopistes maculatus* on the basis of two individuals 391 which represent syntypes of this species. Callopistes maculatus is the type species of the genus 392 Callopistes Gravenhorst, 1838, which itself is a type genus of the subfamily Callopistinae 393 394 Harvey, Ugueto & Gutberlet Jr, 2012. However, phylogenetic position of *Callopistes* is not well understood; Tucker et al. (2016) place it within Tupinambinae (though as sister to all other 395 tupinambines), thus not recognising Callopistinae, and so do Brizuela & Albino (2017), though 396 some other authors retain that name (Goicoechea et al., 2016; Quadros, Chafrat & Zaher, 2018). 397 One rediscovered teiid lizard specimen exactly matches the pattern of cephalic scales illustrated 398 by Gravenhorst (1838), so we regard it as the rediscovered syntype. The second specimen from 399

the type series was not illustrated and has not been found, so for the sake of stability we 400

designate the surviving specimen as the lectotype. 401

Redescription of the lectotype. Dry specimen with broken tail, stored together (MNHUW 402 1320). Right forelimb is also broken but remains attached to the body (Figs. 12–13). Some 403 aspects of the animal morphology are distorted because of soft tissue shrinkage. However, it 404 seems that the postcloacal buttons are present, which indicates that the lectotype is a male. 405 406 Dentition is heterodont, with anterior teeth monocuspid, conical or slightly recurved, and posterior teeth usually with two, sometimes three, cusps. At least two palatal teeth are present on 407 the right pterygoid and at least one tooth present on the left one. Tongue deeply bifurcated. 408 Interparietal scale is small, roughly hexagonal and surrounded by five scales, including only two 409 parietals. Twelve scales separate interparietal from rostral and eight scales separate rostral from 410 frontal (at the midline). Rostral scale separated from nasal by one scale and is twice wider than 411 long. There are eight supralabials. Frontal scale is roughly pentagonal, with strongly 412 413 asymmetrical posterior border – much more concave on its right side. Two rows of long, low lorilabials are present. Dorsally to them, there are three loreals. Upper temporal scales small and 414 oval, while lower temporal scales are larger and some of them are hexagonal rather than oval. 415 Nasal scale separated from canthal, in contact with seven scales. Eight enlarged supraoculars on 416 the right side, also eight on the left side. 417

Mental scale is wider than long. There are 10 infralabials. Five scales contact the second 418 infralabial (including two other infralabials). Posterior to mental scale, there are four pairs of 419 large chinshields. They are separated from infralabials by one (anteriorly) or two (posteriorly) 420 421 rows of sublabials. First pair of chinshields contact at the midline but second and farther pairs are separated by small, oval gular scales (it is impossible to tell exactly by how many). Whole throat 422 is covered by such small, oval or roughly pentagonal, juxtaposed gulars, all about the same size. 423 Interangular sulcus absent, intertympanic sulcus present. Between the throat and the posterior 424 surface of the arms, scales are also juxtaposed but larger, some of them are oval, elongated, 425 pentagonal or hexagonal. Whole venter (behind the posterior end of the arms) is covered by 426 large, rectangular, juxtaposed scales. Similar, though slightly smaller and imbricate, scales cover

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- also the entire tail, forming numerous annuli. Dorsal surface of forelimbs is covered by roughly
- round, juxtaposed or slightly imbricate scales. Ventral forelimb scales much smaller, round,
- 430 juxtaposed. Dorsal hindlimb scales are relatively large, quadrungular, juxtaposed or slightly
- imbricate. Posterior surface of thighs covered by much smaller, round or quadrungular,
- 432 juxtaposed scales. Ventral thigh scales roughly rectangular, juxtaposed or minimally imbricate.
- Ventral shank scales much larger, rounded and juxtaposed (distally slightly imbricate).
- Infradigital lamellae on both fore- and hindlimbs are impossible to count precisely because of the
- distortion of the specimen.
- 436 Most of the original colour pattern is not preserved. Dorsum and flanks are dark brown-reddish
- and the ventral body part is almost uniformly yellowish, with many dark spots on the venter.
- 438 Pileus is grayish with numerous large, irregular dark spots.

Chalcides viridanus

- This species of scincine skink was described by Gravenhorst (1851) as *Gongylus viridanus* on
- the basis of three individuals collected on Tenerife by Pescke. It occurs also on islands of El
- Hierro and Gomera and a few smaller islets. Populations inhabiting these three large islands form
- 444 three separate clades, with lizards from El Hierro and Gomera probably being sister groups
- 445 (Brown & Pestano, 1998). Population from Tenerife is not homogenous and exhibits substantial
- divergence in mitochondrial DNA sequences, resulting in several geographical clusters (Brown,
- Campos-Delgado & Pestano, 2000; Brown, Woods & Thorpe, 2017). It also shows geographic
- variation in some morphological traits, such as scalation and some body dimensions, probably
- related to aridity of the habitats (Brown, Thorpe & Báez, 1993). However, nuclear DNA shows
- only shallow divergences and weak geographical pattern (Brown, Woods & Thorpe, 2017).
- Recently, J. Mateo (cited by Miras, Pérez-Mellado & Martínez-Solano, 2009) suggested that C.
- 452 *viridanus* probably represents a species complex and possibly should be split. Moreover, it was
- sometimes regarded as synonymous with C. simonyi, a skink occurring on islands of
- 454 Fuertaventura and Lanzarote (see review in Salvador, 2015). However, genetic studies suggest
- 455 that *C. viridanus* is more closely related to *C. sexlineatus* and *C. coeruleopunctatus* than to *C.*
- 456 simonyi, which belongs to a different clade (Brown & Pestano, 1998; Carranza et al., 2008;
- Suárez, Pestano & Brown, 2014). Nonetheless, detailed description of the syntypes of this
- 458 species would be useful for potential future works on its taxonomy. Unfortunately, we were
- 459 unable to locate these specimens in the collection. Two well preserved individuals collected on
- Tenerife by Zimmer in 1907 have been rediscovered (MNHUW uncatalogued; Fig. 14) and one
- of them could become the neotype. However, we refrain from making such designation, as no
- 462 molecular data could be obtained from any of those specimens. We recommend that potential
- 463 future neotype designation in C. viridanus should involve specimen from well defined area
- 464 (more precise than just "Tenerife"), preferably also with molecular data, especially
- mitochondrial DNA, as there are several mitochondrial clades within this species.

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General remarks

- Natural history museums play crucial role in studying biodiversity. Redescriptions of historical
- specimens, especially name-bearing ones (onomatophores), housed in such places may have



- 470 important implications for taxonomy and nomenclature of many taxa (e.g., Ohler & Dubois,
- 471 2016), to some extent because many of the museum specimens are incorrectly identified and
- labelled (Goodwin et al., 2015). Such historical specimens served as the basis not only for recent
- 473 redescriptions of important, name-bearing specimens (e.g., Bucklitsch et al., 2012; Borczyk,
- 474 2013; Mecke et al., 2016) but also descriptions of species new to science, hitherto unrecognised
- 475 (e.g., Böhme et al., 2015), and revalidations of species from synonymy (e.g., Espinoza, Lobo &
- Etheridge, 2011). The latter point may be especially important for diverse, species-rich groups
- such as *Liolaemus*, with often controversial taxonomy (Lobo, Espinoza & Quinteros, 2010).

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Implications for *Liolaemus* taxonomy

- 480 We decided not to evert hemipenes in the rediscovered *Liolaemus* specimens because of their
- 481 fragility which might lead to damaging them. The fact that in none of them any femoral or
- preanal pores can be observed, suggests that all of these individuals are females. However,
- 483 members of the subgenus *Liolaemus* (also called the *chiliensis* section a group to which all
- rediscovered lizards belong) tend to have significantly fewer preanal pores than do members of
- Eulaemus (Laurent, 1992) and there are several Liolaemus species in which both females and
- 486 males completely lack these pores (Lobo, 2001; Pincheira-Donoso & Scolaro, 2007). Also, the
- 487 'taphonomical' factor must be taken into consideration.
- 488 It seems unlikely that species described by Gravenhorst (1838) represent valid species, given the
- fact that they are known from single (*L. conspersus*, *L. hieroglyphicus*) or a few (*L. lineatus*)
- 490 specimens and no new individuals have been reported for 180 years. However, there are several
- 491 *Liolaemus* species currently considered valid that are known only from the type locality or only
- 492 from the type specimen (Meiri et al., 2018), so this fact alone does not argue against their
- 493 validity. All rediscovered specimens are significantly asymmetric. Asymmetry is often (although
- 494 not always) found in hybrids (Graham et al., 2010). This and the often mosaic character
- distribution might suggest that at least some of the rediscovered lizards are hybrids (it is also
- 496 worth noting that interspecific hybridisation occurs commonly in *Liolaemus* lizards; Olave et al.,
- 497 2018). However, this can only be tested by possible future molecular analyses and more
- 498 thorough field studies. Unfortunately, type localities stated for Gravenhorst's taxa are usually
- 499 very vague; Cauquenes Province for L. conspersus and L. hieroglyphicus, only the type locality
- 500 given for *L. lineatus* is more precise Valparaíso (Gravenhorst, 1838).
- None (except *L. lemniscatus*) of the *Liolaemus* nomina coined by Gravenhorst (1838) were, to
- our best knowledge, used as valid names after 1899. This, however, does not make them
- "forgotten names", because only senior synonyms can be *nomina oblita*, not the junior ones
- 504 (Ohler & Dubois, 2018).

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Conclusions

- We rediscovered several important specimens from the long thought to be lost Gravenhorst's
- 508 herpetological collection at the University of Wrocław: type specimens of teiid lizard Callopistes
- 509 maculatus and liolaemids Liolaemus conspersus, L. hieroglyphicus and L. lineatus.



- Reexamination of morphology of liolaemids reveals several taxonomically informative
- differences between these specimens and their presumed senior synonyms, respectively, L.
- 512 nigromaculatus, L. lemniscatus and L. nitidus. Unfortunately, our attempts of molecular analyses
- were unsuccessful, so resolving status of these taxa needs further, more complex studies.
- Nonetheless, rediscovery of these important specimens underscores the importance of natural
- 515 history collections, their proper management and protection, a point recently further strengthened
- by the tragic fire in the National Museum of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro in September 2018.

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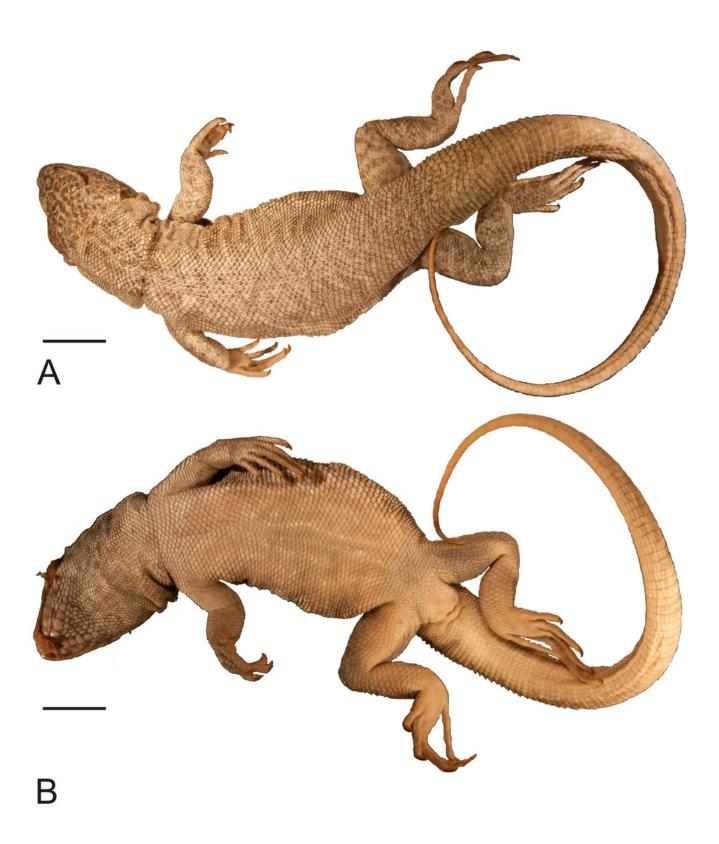


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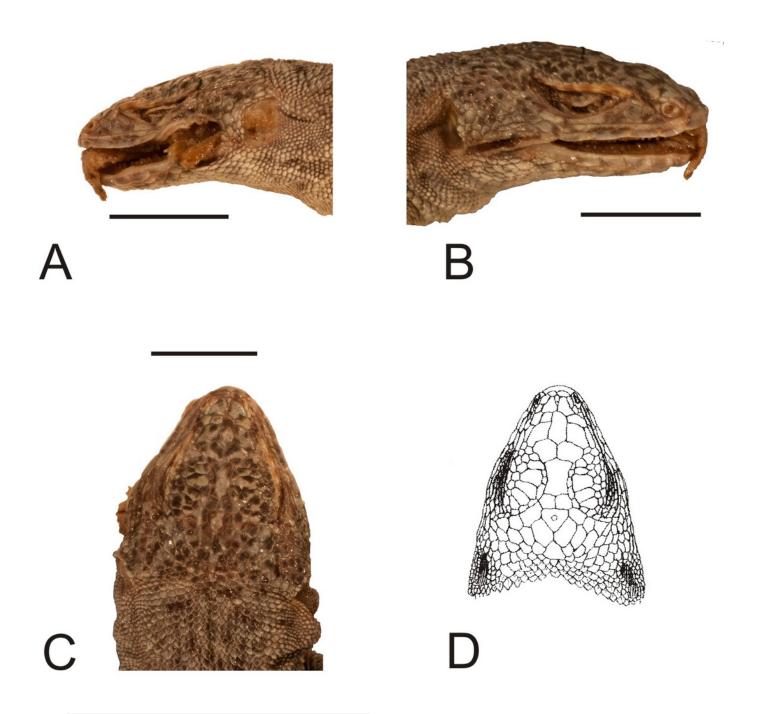
Holotype of Liolaemus conspersus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1321).

(A) Dorsal view. (B) Ventral view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



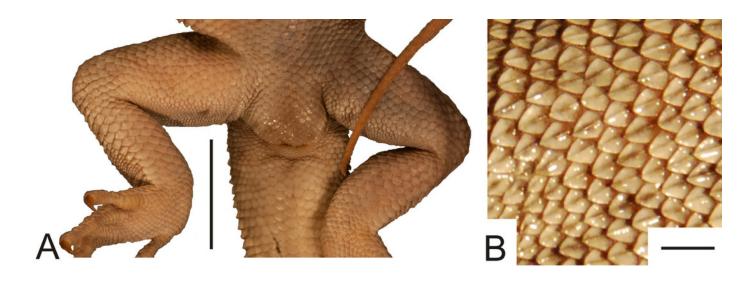
Head of the holotype of Liolaemus conspersus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1321).

(A) Left lateral view. (B) Right lateral view. (C) Dorsal view. (D) Dorsal view as illustrated by Gravenhorst (1838). Scale bar equals 1 cm.



Morphological details of *Liolaemus conspersus* holotype (MNHUW 1321).

(A) Close-up of the cloacal region. No femoral or preanal pores can be observed. (B) Dorsal scales. Some of them are rounded, some lanceolate but all with strong keel. Scale bar equals 1 cm in (A) and 2 mm in (B).





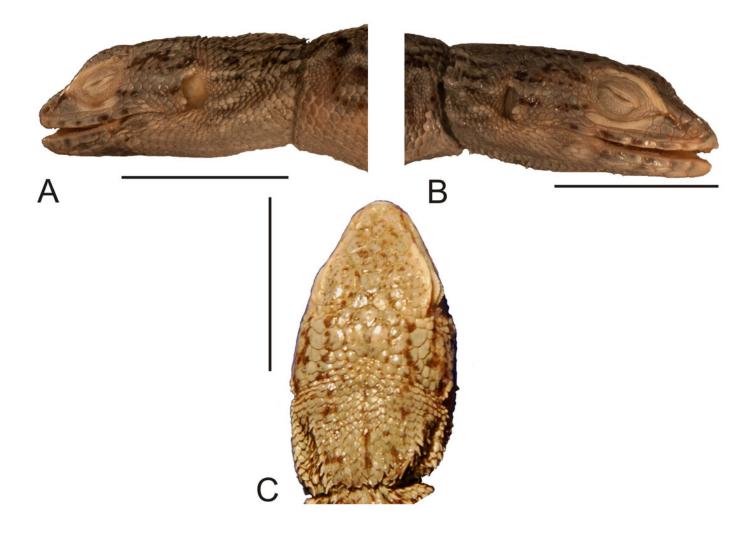
Holotype of Liolaemus hieroglyphicus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1322).

(A) Dorsal view. (B) Ventral view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



Head of the holotype of Liolaemus hieroglyphicus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1322).

(A) Left lateral view. (B) Right lateral view. (C) Dorsal view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.





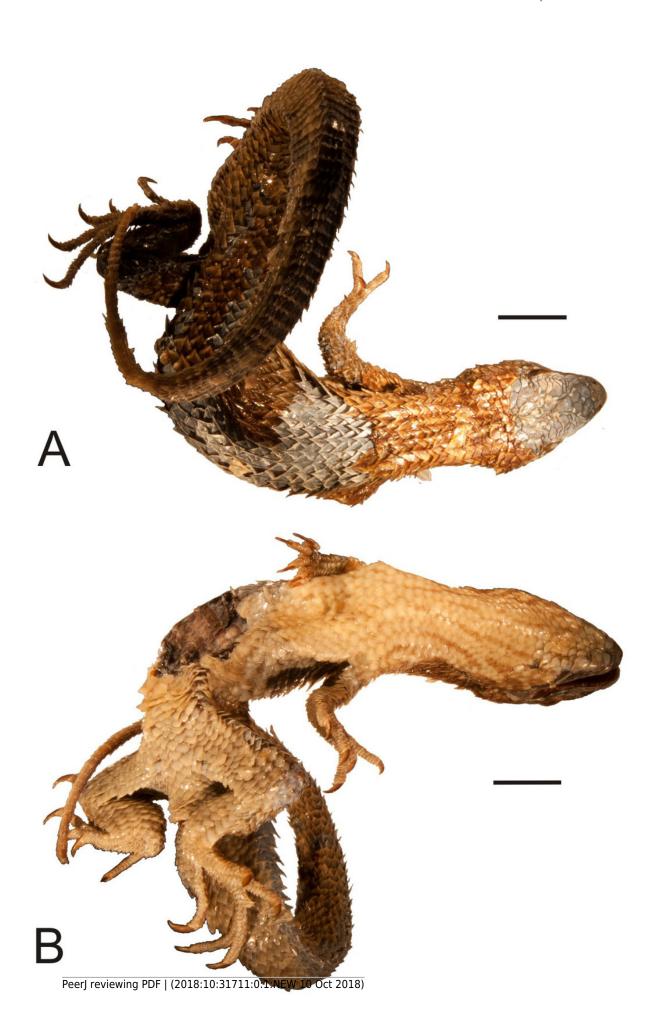
Excerpts from two surviving pre-World War II catalogues of herpetological specimens in the Museum of Natural History in Wrocław.





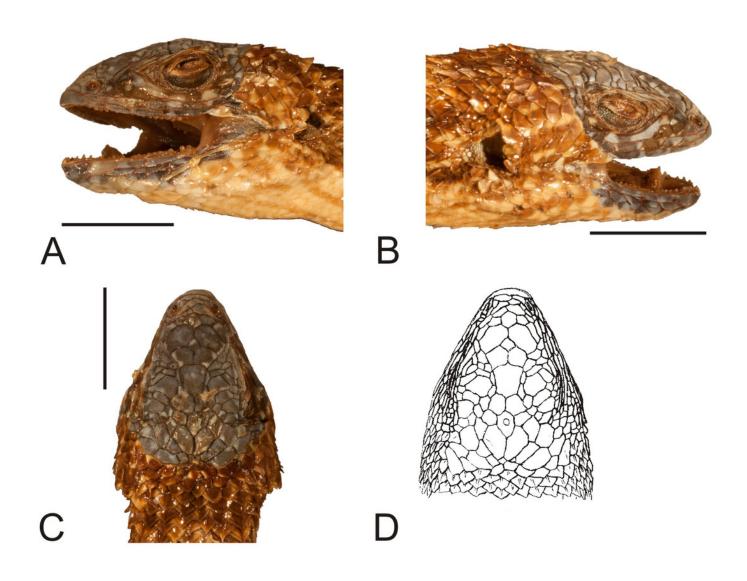
Lectotype of Liolaemus lineatus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1323).

(A) Dorsal view. (B) Ventral view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



Head of the lectotype of Liolaemus lineatus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1323).

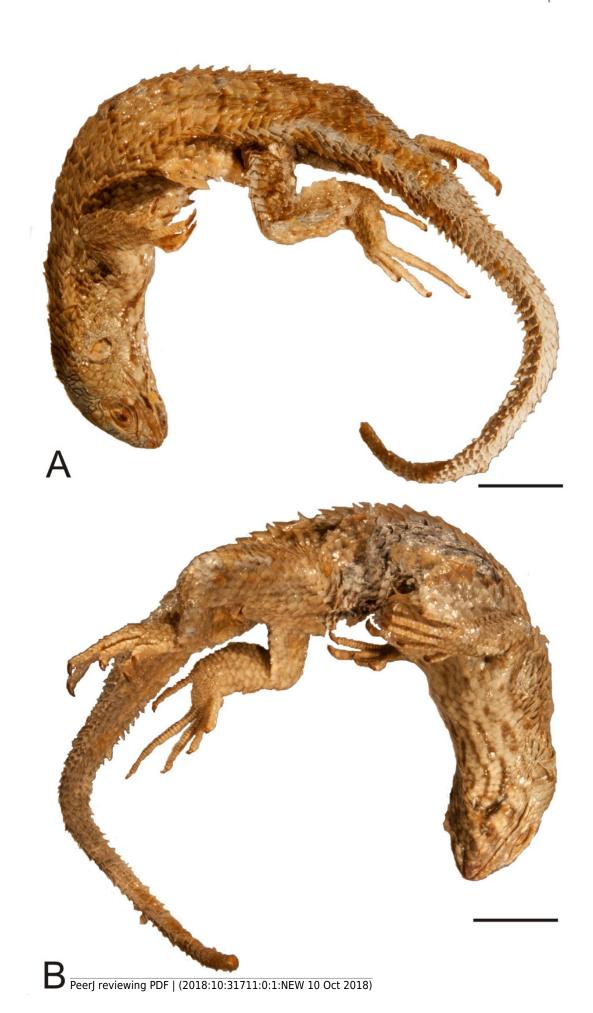
(A) Left lateral view. (B) Right lateral view. (C) Dorsal view. (D) Dorsal view as illustrated by Gravenhorst (1838). Scale bar equals 1 cm.





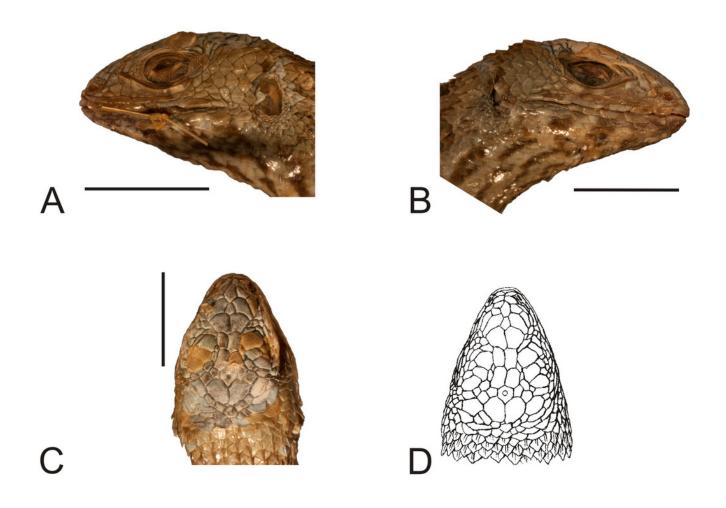
Paralectotype of Liolaemus lineatus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1323).

(A) Dorsal view. (B) Ventral view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



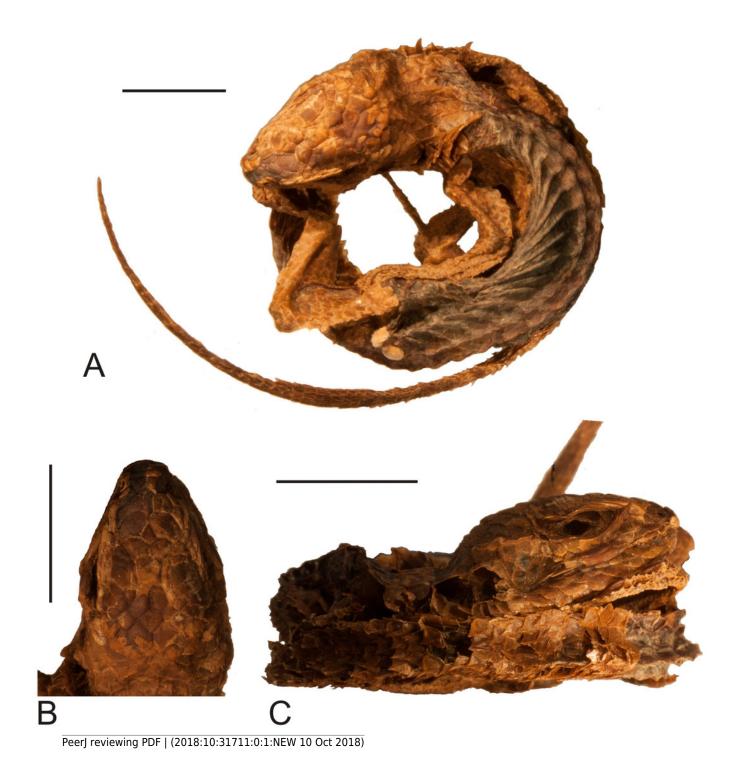
Head of the paralectotype of *Liolaemus lineatus* Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1323).

(A) Left lateral view. (B) Right lateral view. (C) Dorsal view. (D) Dorsal view as illustrated by Gravenhorst (1838). Scale bar equals 1 cm.



Indeterminate Liolaemus lizard ("mysterious specimen"; MNHUW uncatalogued).

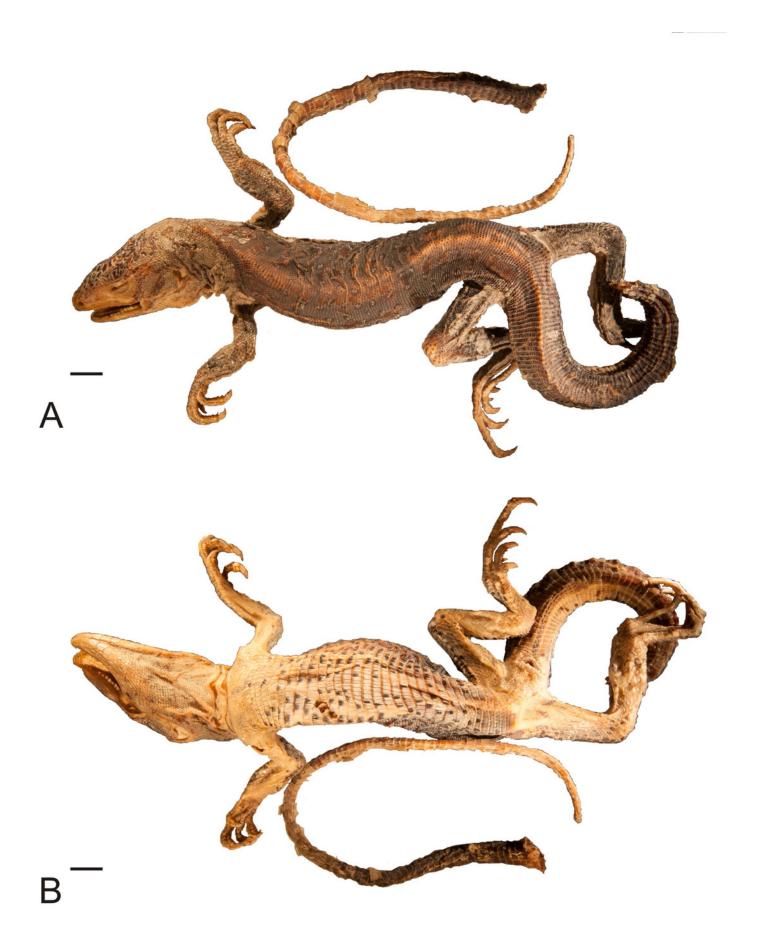
(A) Whole specimen in dorsal view. (B) Dorsal view of the head. (C) Whole specimen in lateral view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.





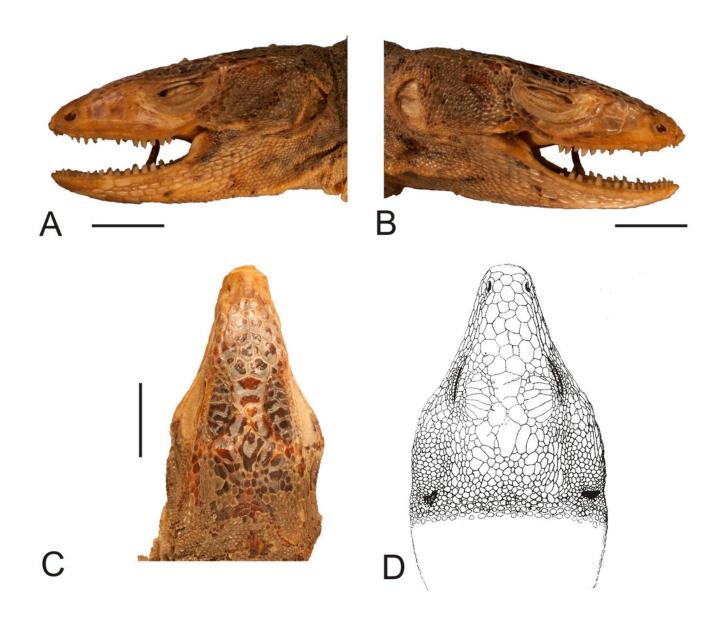
Lectotype of Callopistes maculatus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1320).

(A) Dorsal view. (B) Ventral view. Scale bar equals 1 cm.



Head of the lectotype of Callopistes maculatus Gravenhorst, 1838 (MNHUW 1320).

(A) Left lateral view. (B) Right lateral view. (C) Dorsal view. (D) Dorsal view as illustrated by Gravenhorst (1838). Scale bar equals 1 cm.



Two specimens of Chalcides viridanus (Gravenhorst, 1851) (MNHUW uncatalogued) collected by Zimmer on Tenerife.

Scale bar equals 1 cm.





Table 1(on next page)

Morphometric measurements of the rediscovered lizards.

"R" indicates measurement taken from the right side of the specimen and "L" – from the left side. Note that not all measurements could be taken.



	Liolaemus conspersus	Liolaemus hieroglyphic us	Liolaemus lineatus second variety	Liolaemus lineatus third variety	"Mysterious specimen"	Callopistes maculatus
SVL	83.9	54.0	89.4	54.3	-	141
Tail length	137.7	11.7	123.4	76.0	-	292 (the last 203 mm are broken)
Head length	21.0	13.2	22.8	18.6	17.9	38.2
Head width	16.9	9.5	16.1	13.2	11.7	20.9
Head height	9.0	6.8	12.9	11.0	-	19.3
Axilla-groin distance	40.5	22.6	-	-	-	67.0
Tail base width	11.8	7.0	11.6	9.0		14.8
Interorbital distance (between postorbital semicircles)	1.4	1.5	3.0	2.6	1.6	4.9
Eye-auditory meatus distance	7.2	4.1	9.1	6.8	5.3	12.6
Internarial distance	3.9	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.3	4.7
Arm length	11.2 R/11.8 L	7.4 R/6.2 L	12.4 R/13.1 L	11.1 R/10.9 L	-	19.1 L
Thigh length	14.2 R/16.0 L	10.2 R/10.1 L	15.6 R/16.4 L	14.7 R/14.1 L	-	33.0 R/26.6 L
Shank length	17.9 R/17.7 L	10.2 R/10.1 L	16.8 R/17.6 L	14.4 R/14.7 L	15.4 R	31.1 R/28.2 L
Foot length	26.2 R/25.4 L	16.1 R/14.6 L	26.1 R/24.8 L	19.9 R/19.0 L	-	-
Subocular length	5.5 R	4.2 R	6.1 R	5.7 R	-	-
Preocular length	1.6 R	0.9 R	1.4 R	1.3 R	-	-
Rostral length/width	1.6/3.9	0.8/2.6	1.4/3.8	0.9/3.7	-	2.3/4.7



Mental length/width	2.3/4.7	1.5/2.7	1.9/3.9	1.7/3.3	-	2.6/4.1
Auditory meatus height/width	4.1/2.5 R	2.0/1.5 R	3.5/2.8 R	-	-	6.0/3.5 R