

Notes on the Snakes of the Northern Caucasus

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**Abstract.** The paper provides new information on the distribution of rare and endangered snakes over the Stavropol Region, namely, *Eryx jaculus*, *Dolichophis caspius*, *Elaphe sauromates*, and *Platyceps najadum*.

**Keywords:** Stavropol Region, *Dolichophis caspius*, *Eryx jaculus*, *Elaphe sauromates*, *Platyceps najadum*.

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