

New finds of *Elaphe sauromates* (Pallas, 1814) (Colubridae, Reptilia) in Kazakhstan

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Abstract. A critical analysis of literature data on the records of *Elaphe sauromates* in the Atyrau region of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 1857–2006 is presented. Doubtful finds of the species in the Volga-Ural interfluvium and in the vicinity of the city of Atyrau require confirmation. New finds in the region in 2018 and 2021, like all reliable previous ones, were made only on the territory of the Zhylyoysky district.

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