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A NEW SPECIES OF AMPHISBAENA FROM  
BRITISH GUIANA

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The collections of reptiles and amphibians made in British Guiana by the Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, contain several specimens of the genus *Amphisbaena*, one of which apparently represents an undescribed species.

***Amphisbaena stejnegeri*, new species**

*Diagnosis:* Nasals forming a suture on the snout; nasal suture shorter than praefrontal suture; no infraocular; no praeocular; no occipitals. Annuli on the middle of the body composed of 34 segments, the dorsals longer than broad, the median ventrals broader than long. Six præanal pores.

*Type Specimen:* Cat. No. 55858, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan; sand reef at Vreeden Rust, Demerara River, British Guiana; January 1, 1921; E. N. Clarke, collector.

*Description of Type Specimen:* Snout rounded, prominent. Rostral rather small, triangular, just visible from above; nasals forming a suture on the snout, the suture about three-fourths the length of the praefrontal suture; praefrontals the largest head-shields, the suture shorter than that between the frontals; frontals twice as long as broad; occipitals, praecoculars and infraoculars absent; eye distinguishable under the ocular which is situated between the praefrontal, second and third labials and a single postocular; four upper labials, the fourth very small and bordered above by a large shield which lies below the postocular and is separated from the ocular by the postocular and third upper labial. Symphysial linguiform pointed behind, followed by a pair of chin-shields; two lower labials, the first very large, two large sublabials. Two hundred and forty-eight annuli on the body, one in the middle of the body containing 34 segments; dorsal segments longer than broad, the median ventral segments broader than long; 13 annuli on the tail, the last one composed of elongate segments, the end of the tail blunt and covered with irregular segments. Lateral line distinct. Six præanal pores. Six præanal segments. Above whitish, except that some of the dorsal segments are dark brown; below whitish, except for some pale brown spots on the subcaudal segments.



