

Beckianum beckianum (Gastropoda: Subulinidae): new records from Havana, Cuba

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In was found at the Cuban Speleological Society headquarters collection's (84 street and 9th Avenue, Playa, Havana city), 40 specimens of land microsnailes, collected in 14.xi.2004. According to the diagnostic features given by some authors (Pilsbry, 1906; Haas, 1962; Pérez, 1994; Schileyko, 1999) they belong to *Beckianum beckianum* (L.Pfeiffer 1846). This species was not recognized in the catalogue of Cuban land snails (Espinosa & Ortea, 1999) because there was not a clear evidence of living populations in the country.

The first record from Cuba (Pérez, 1994), was brief, imprecise and without appropriate data of the specimens; It was based on empty shells from El Vedado, Havana city. Another search in Havana was carried out in April 2006 at Quinta de Los Molinos, a place where the first Cuban botanical garden was established. At this place, abundant specimens of *B. beckianum* were found, some of them alive but most were dead.

In this paper we confirm the presence of *B. beckianum* for Cuba and offer some data about the distribution. Voucher specimens are preserved at Steffen Franke's collection (Düsseldorf, Germany) and Museo de Historia Natural Carlos de la Torre y Huerta, Holguin city, Cuba.

Geographical range known for *B. beckianum*: Eastern Mexico from the State of Vera Cruz southward; Central America; Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad; Barbados, St. Vincent, Antigua; Haiti. Brazil, at Para, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Fernando Noronha and Peru (Pilsbry, 1906).

Also the species occurs on Curacao and other Caribbean Islands like Saba, St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua (Windward group); Trinidad; Los Testigos, Margarita, Blanquilla (Leeward group) and L. Goajira, Paraguaná, N.E. Venezuela, Suriname (South American mainland) (Haas, 1962).

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