

## THE MASSASAUGA IN INDIANA

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In my Indiana records, I have a number of specimens of the eastern massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus catenatus*) from Wabash and Fulton Counties:

1. Fulton County on 30 April 1970 near Akron: A specimen 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long was found in a marshy bog by Frank Bynum, a biology teacher at Akron High School. The specimen was deposited in their biology lab. Since that time, Akron High School has become part of Tippecanoe Valley High School. The exact status of the specimen is unknown.
2. Wabash County on 19 April 1970 near North Manchester: A specimen 22 inches long was collected in a marshy bog by the author. This specimen was deposited at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne.
3. Wabash County on 1 September 1970 near North Manchester: A snake 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long was collected in a wetlands woods by the author. The specimen is with James D. Shull, a biology teacher at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne.
4. Wabash County on 30 April 1978 near North Manchester: A melanic male 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length was collected by the author when the snake was hiding between a raspberry patch and a big shade tree. This specimen is in the author's personal collection.

These four specimens are preserved in formaldehyde. In addition to these specimens, two recent sight records of the eastern massasauga are known to the author. The author saw the eastern massasauga in April 1995 in a wetlands area in Steuben County. The second sighting was made by John Shuey in mid-summer 1998 in a prairie habitat in LaGrange County.

