

ADDITIONAL NORTHWARD RANGE EXTENSION OF THE EXOTIC NORTHERN CURLY-TAILED LIZARD IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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The exotic northern curly-tailed lizard (*Leiocephalus carinatus armouri*) was introduced into Palm Beach County, Florida during the 1940s and has since expanded its range both south and north into adjacent Broward and Martin counties (Duellman and Schwartz 1958, Weigl et al. 1969, Hauge and Butterfield 2000, Smith and Engeman 2002, Smith et al. 2004, Smith et al. in press). Aspects of the general ecology of *L. c. armouri* in Florida are reviewed in Meshaka et al. (2004) and Smith and Engeman (2004). On 31 August 2003, at 1645, we observed 3 adults and 6 juveniles in Port Salerno, Martin County in an area of older buildings with structural deterioration at the intersection of Salerno Road and Alternate A-1-A near the "Princess Thrift Shoppe" (27°08.783' × 80°11.834'), east side of Alternate A-1-A, immediately northeast of the intersection with Salerno Road. (One specimen 4.1 cm SVL (snout-vent length) collected by C.L. Dean, verified by W.E. Meshaka, Jr., State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, voucher no. SMP-H2108). This finding extends the species range north in Martin County ca. 11 km beyond a 7 March 2003 report (Smith et al. in press), and 22 km beyond the 1999 county record report (Hauge and Butterfield 2000, Smith and Engeman 2002), at the northern end of a relatively contiguous 90 km surveyed, occupied range (Smith et al. 2004). The Salerno Road and Alternate A-1-A site is ca. 136 km south of the most northern known locality for the species along the east coast of Florida located in Cocoa Beach (Krysko and King 2002) with one record reported between these two locations.

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