Inventory to the Paul Elias field notes

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Descriptive Summary

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Contributing Institution: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 2.0 Volumes

Date (inclusive): 1974-1977

Abstract: This guide describes the Paul Elias field note volumes bound at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.

Language of Materials: Materials are in English.

Creator: Elias, Paul

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open for research.

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Biographical note
In 1974, as an undergraduate working at the University of California’s Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Paul Elias traveled to Finca Chiblac in the Sierra de los Cuchumatanes of Guatemala. While there, he discovered two new genera of salamander, later named Nyctanolis pernix and Bradytriton silus. Elias would continue on to receive a Master of Arts degree in zoology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979 with his thesis, "The Salamanders of Northwestern Guatemala." He then earned a second Master of Arts degree in biology from Harvard University in 1982.

Sources Consulted:

Scope and Contents note
The Paul Elias field note collection consists of two bound volumes. The first volume contains the journal of a 1974 trip to Guatemala and retains its original binding. The second volume contains catalogues and journal entries from Guatemala and Mexico between 1975 and 1977, originally maintained by the author in three-ring field note binders and later bound per Museum of Vertebrate Zoology standards.

Arrangement note
The arrangement of the collection is listed chronologically and in its original form. The sections are bound in the order presented in this guide.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Central America, Guatemala
Field notes
Herpetology

Volume 1 1974

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 Volumes
Volume 1

**1974 field notes 1974**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 Volumes
Scope and Contents note
Material bound in original journal. The specimen catalogue begins on page 224.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Baja Verapaz
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Huehuetenango
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Sacatepequez

Volume 2

**Volume 2 v653 1975-1977**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 Volumes

Volume 2, Section 1

**Catalogue, #300-487, Guatemala v653_s1 1975**

Language of Material: English
Scope and Contents note
Holotype of *Bolitoglossa jacksoni* listed on page 4.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Huehuetenango

Volume 2, Section 2

**Journal, Guatemala v653_s2 1975**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 Items
Scope and Contents note
Contains a description of the holotype of *Bolitoglossa jacksoni* (MVZ specimen #134634) on pages 26-27. The second *Bolitoglossa jacksoni* collected, mentioned on pages 34-35, was brought back live to UC Berkeley but subsequently went missing (corresponding MVZ observation). Section also contains hand drawn maps.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Guatemala
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Huehuetenango
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento San Marcos
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Totonicapan

Volume 2, Section 3

**Catalogue, #550-919, Guatemala and Mexico v653_s3 1977**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 Items
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Alta Verapaz
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Baja Verapaz
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento El Quiche
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento Huehuetenango
North America, Mexico, Chiapas
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