

STUDIES IN AUSTRALIAN REPTILES.

No. 1.

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(Plate xx., and Figures 1-7.)

The acquisition by the Australian Museum of a specimen of *Denisonia suta*, Peters, bearing six young in an advanced stage of development, enables me to discuss the status of several species of the genus hitherto regarded as distinct. This very interesting specimen was secured by Mr. W. W. Froggatt, Government Entomologist, at Willow Tree, New South Wales, and I have been able to compare it with the holotype of *D. frontalis*, Ogilby, which is preserved in the Australian Museum.

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DENISONIA SUTA, *Peters*.

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