

## TWO NEW SNAKES FROM AUSTRALIA.

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(Figures 1-2.)

*TYPHLOPS MINIMUS*, *sp. nov.*

(Figure 1.)

Head rounded and blunt. Snout evenly rounded. Nostrils inferior, the nasal cleft median, extending a little beyond the nostril and in contact with the second labial. Rostral more than half as wide as the head from above, and extending backwards to the level of the eyes; it is sub-circular, the sides evenly curved and rounded posteriorly; from the lower aspect it is about as broad as long. Scales in 16 rows round the body. Total length 170 mm., width of body about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

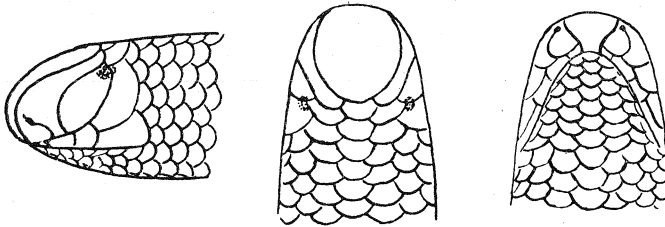


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*Typhlops minimus*, *sp. nov.*

*Colour*.—Head and tail, or tail only, dark brown, almost black. Body yellowish-brown, distinctly striated with dark longitudinal lines.

*Locality*.—Groote Eylandt, Gulf of Carpentaria, North Australia. Described from three specimens collected by the Rev. H. E. Warren during December, 1928. The paratypes do not vary from the holotype.

*Affinity*.—*T. minimus* is closely related to *T. guentheri* Peters, but differs mainly in having fewer scales round the body, and in the shape and relative size of the rostral shield.