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***Crotalus omiltemanus***, sp. n.

*Hab.* MEXICO, Omilteme in Guerrero (*H. H. Smith*).

This species belongs to the group *Uropsophus*, and is distinguished from the other allied forms by the small number of labial shields and large number of ventral scutes.

Body rather more elongate than in the allied species, the ventrals being 178-185 in number. Scales in twenty-one series, those of the back strongly keeled, the three outer series smooth. Head triangular, depressed; upper surface of the snout in front of the supraciliaries covered with enlarged scutes, varying in size and number; crown of the head covered with small smooth scales. Two nasal shields, the anterior much larger than the posterior and encroaching upon the anterior and upper surface of the snout. Rostral shield reverted above. Nine upper labials separated from the eye by a single series of scales.

Dark greyish-black, with a dorsal series of larger, more or less rounded black spots, and two or three lateral series of smaller ones; lower parts blackish; an oblique black band from the eye to the lower part of the neck; it is white-edged above and below, the lower edge forming a wide band along the upper labial shields.

Of the two specimens the larger is 21 inches long; it possesses a strongly compressed five-jointed rattle, which has a groove along each side.