

Nowe stanowisko gniewosza plamistego *Coronella austriaca* (Laurenti, 1768) w Bieszczadach i problemy jego ochrony

A new locality of the smooth snake *Coronella austriaca* (Laurenti, 1768) in the Bieszczady Mountains (SE Poland) and problems of its protection

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Summary

Smooth snake is a very rare and protected species in Poland. There are only a few known localities in the Bieszczady Mountains where these snakes live. The new locality, found by me, is situated in Bóbrka village near the Koziniec nature reserve. I have observed 3 snakes there in 2005 and 2007. In this area the main threat to smooth snakes is human activity.