



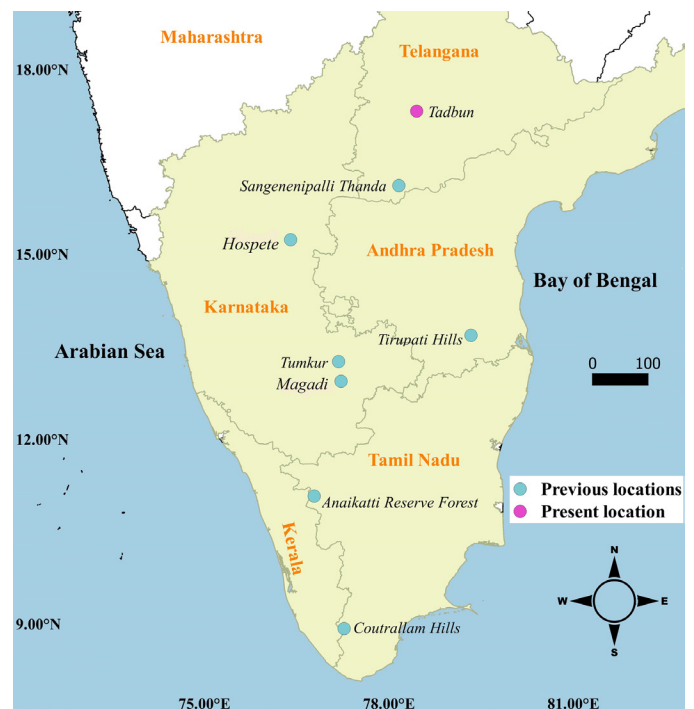
# A New Locality Record for the Yellow-collared Wolfsnake, *Lycodon flavicollis* Mukherjee and Bhupathy 2007, from Hyderabad, Telangana, India

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Mukherjee and Bhupathy (2007) described the Yellow-collared Wolfsnake (*Lycodon flavicollis*) from Mangarai Village on the periphery of the Anaikatti Reserve Forest, Western Ghats, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu, southwestern India (11°05'N, 76°47'E; 600 m asl). Very little is known about the distribution and natural history of this species. Gupta et al. (2014) recorded it from the Tirupati Hills, Andhra Pradesh, Eastern Ghats (13°42'N, 79°20'E; 248 m asl). Ganesh et al. (2017) reported a specimen from the Therkumalai Estate, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu (8.93°N, 77.27°E; 175 m asl). This locality is in the Coutrallam Hills, which are a part of the Agasthyamalai Range of the southern Western Ghats. Those authors also noted additional photographic records from Magadi (12.95°N, 77.22°E; 850 m asl), Tumkur (13.27°N, 77.18°E; 850 m asl), and Hospete (15.25°N, 76.40°E; 500 m asl) on the Deccan Plateau of Karnataka. Most recently, Sunkuri (2017) reported a sighting in Sangenenipalli Thanda in the Vepanagandla Mandal, Wanaparthy District, Telangana (16.13°N, 78.16°E; 441 m asl).

At 1100 h on 28 July 2017, we rescued a Yellow-collared Wolfsnake on the periphery of the Nehru Zoological Park in the environs of Tadbun Masjid-e-Abubaker Siddiq (17.34°N, 78.45°E; 519 m asl), Hyderabad, Telangana, India (Fig. 1). We identified the snake as an adult male by the presence of a wide yellow collar that extends to the back of the head. Total length was 46 cm, SVL 39 cm, and head length 2 cm. We deposited digital-image vouchers at the Lee Kong Chian Museum of Natural History, National University of Singapore (ZRC [IMG] 2.326; Fig. 2). After examination, we released the snake into natural habitat. On 15 August 2017, another snake was found dead at the same locality (total length 27.2 cm; SVL 22.5 cm; head length 1.2 cm; Fig. 3). These records extend the known range of the species 138 km to the north.



**Fig. 1.** Map of southern peninsular India showing currently known locality records for the Yellow-collared Wolfsnake (*Lycodon flavicollis*).

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**Fig. 2.** A rescued Yellow-collared Wolfsnake (*Lycodon flavicollis*) in the Tadbun Area, Hyderabad, Telangana, India. Note the wide yellow collar that extends to the back of the head. Photographs by Mushkam Sandeep.



**Fig. 3.** Dorsum (left) and venter of a Yellow-collared Wolfsnake (*Lycodon flavicollis*) from the same locality as that in Fig. 2. Photographs by Buddi Laxmi Narayana.

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