

GENERAL NOTES

NEW HOST RECORDS FOR THE FISH LEECH, *MYZOBDELLA REDUCTA* (HIRUDINIDA: PISCICOLIDAE) FROM TEXAS**Dennis J. Richardson¹ and Michael A. Barger²**¹*Department of Biological Sciences, Quinnipiac University**275 Mt. Carmel Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut 06518*²*Department of Natural Science, Peru State College, Peru, Nebraska 68421*

Myzobdella reducta (Meyer, 1940) is an opportunistic, sanguivorous leech that has previously been reported from fishes throughout the eastern United States (McAllister et al. 2012; Richardson et al. 2012, 2014). Herein, we document new host records of *M. reducta* from Texas based on field collections made during the summer of 2014. All leeches were removed from fish, fixed in 95% ethanol, and identified under a dissecting microscope. All leeches collected were deposited in the Harold W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology (HWML), University of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and assigned collection numbers.

On 13 July 2014, single individuals of *M. reducta* (HWML64770) were collected from three topminnows (*Fundulus notatus*) collected from Turkey Creek in the Big Thicket National Preserve, Tyler County, Texas (30.550967N, 94.332617W), representing a new host record. On 20 May 2014, a single individual of *M. reducta* (HWML64769) was collected from a freshwater drum (*Aplodinotus grunniens*) collected from the Neches River, north of Beaumont in the Big Thicket National Preserve, Orange County, Texas (30.1712N, 94.1125W), representing a new host record.

This constitutes the first report of *M. reducta* from the topminnow (*F. notatus*) and from the freshwater drum (*A. grunniens*). The only previous report of *M. reducta* from Texas was of seven leeches taken from five blacktail shiners (*Cyprinella venusta*) collected from the

Big Thicket National Preserve, Polk County, Texas (Richardson et al., 2014).

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