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### LACERTIDAE

#### *Nucras livida* (A. Smith, 1838)

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We planned a family holiday at Morewag Guest Farm near Springbok from 25 September 2017 until 1 October 2017. On arrival on 25 September 2017, I asked Len Mostert, owner of the guest farm, for permission to survey and trap reptiles on his farm for the duration of our stay. On 27 September I found and photographed without catching what I thought was a *Pedioplanis namaquensis* (Duméril and Bibron 1839) (Fig. 1). This was later identified as *Nucras livida* (A. Smith, 1838) by Darren Pietersen on Animal Demographic Unit's Virtual Museum, Reptile Map (ADU-VM) and Lynn Raw via online communication. This identification was subsequently confirmed by Aaron Bauer. Although the specimen shows some differences (i.e. 5 rather than 6 light lines on the nape), this is shared by a

specimen from about 28 km SE of Britstown, Northern Cape (photograph in Burger 2014) and is likely to be geographical variation. The location where the lizard was found is in the quarter degree cell 2917DB (co-ordinates 29° 39' 0.67" S, 17° 48' 51.06"E) and the elevation is approximately 850 m above sea level. This is an extension of the range by at least 230 km from the nearest previous records of 20 km south of Niewoudtville and just north of Vredendal (Du Toit and Alblas 2003) This new record was submitted to the Reptile Atlas of Southern Africa and may be seen under record number SARCA 162644 (ADU-VM). This is one of four current ADU-VM records of *Nucras livida*.



Figure 1. *Nucras livida* photographed in its habitat near Springbok, NC, South Africa.

The habitat at the observation site is in Namaqualand Broken veld (Acocks 1988) with a shallow soft quartz sand top layer,

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Figure 2. Photo of habitat where found.

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and a harder layer beneath, there are numerous of rocky areas with scattered shrubs/bushes. (Fig. 2)

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## SCINCIDAE

### *Panaspis wahlbergi*

Smith, 1849

Wahlberg's Snake-eyed Skink

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Two short surveys were conducted in the Port St Johns region of the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa during the course of September and October 2016. The primary aim of these surveys was to record presence/absence data on the endangered Pondo Dwarf Chameleon (*Bradypodion caffer*) in two localities north of the town, however, concurrent sampling of other reptiles and amphibians took place throughout the duration of the two surveys and records were uploaded to the Animal Demography Unit (ADU) Virtual Museum (<http://vmus.adu.org.za>).