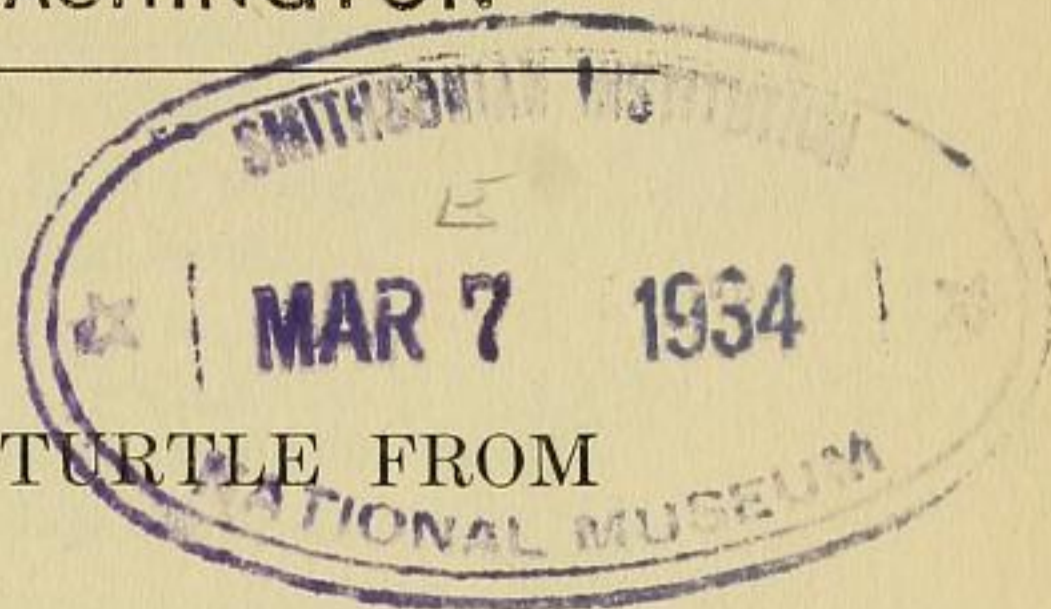


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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW BOX TURTLE FROM
MEXICO.

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The following description has been held back for many years in the hope of obtaining additional material. However, box turtles appear to be so rare in Mexico that it is deemed advisable to make the present one known now, although based on a single specimen only.

Terrapene goldmani, new species.

Diagnosis.—Nostrils oval, very close together; hind feet with three toes, clawed; three phalanges in middle digit of fore foot; digits scarcely webbed; no bony zygomatic arch; upper jaw hooked, not notched; first marginal much shorter than width of first central at middle; length of first central equals width of third central; fourth central longer than wide, as long as first; interhumeral seam more than two-thirds the length of interpectoral seam; color above and below nearly uniform “clay-color” with well defined broad dark-brown margins to each lamina along the seams.

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 46251; ad. fem.

Type locality.—Chijol (or Chijoles), southeastern corner of the State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico; in the coast plain.

Collectors.—E. W. Nelson and E. A. Goldman, May 11, 1898.

DIMENSIONS IN *mm.*

Length of carapace (straight line).....	151
Width of carapace (at 7th marginal).....	110
Length of plastron (straight).....	144
Width of plastron (at middle of femorals).....	88
Anterior plastral lobe.....	61
Posterior plastral lobe.....	87
Height of body (at 2-3 centrals).....	75
Length of first marginal.....	18
Length of first central.....	36
Width of first central at middle.....	33

Width of third central.....	36
Length of fourth central.....	36
Width of fourth central.....	32
Interhumeral seam.....	17
Interpectoral seam.....	23
Eye to nostril.....	6.5
Diameter of orbit.....	9.5
Width of head.....	22

Named in honor of Major E. A. Goldman of the U. S. Biological Survey in recognition of his splendid work in the exploration of the Mexican fauna.