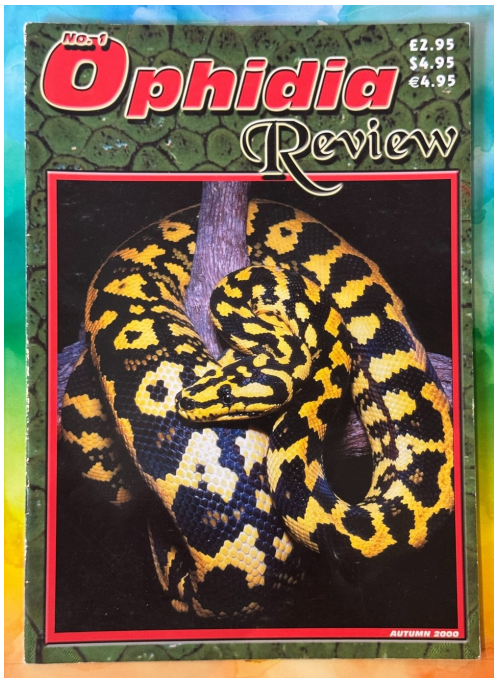
Ophidia Review

Magazine Research Record



No. 1, Autumn 2000. The inaugural issue of Ophidia Review.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	United Kingdom
Publisher	C-View Media
Publisher address	Pending research update
Magazine title	Ophidia Review
Publication status	Not independently established; historical issue documented
Publication run	Begins with No. 1, Autumn 2000. Final issue and total run not verified
Editor	Tom Burgess
Printer	Pending research update
ISSN	1464-7397
Language	English
Publication focus	Specialist reptile and amphibian publishing, with this title focused on snakes and snake keeping
Publication frequency	Pending research update
Collection coverage	No. 1, Autumn 2000
Earliest issue represented	No. 1, Autumn 2000
Latest issue represented	No. 1, Autumn 2000
Issue represented	No. 1
Date	Autumn 2000
Cover price	£2.95 / $4.95 / €4.95
Cover photograph	Kevin & Sue Hanley

Preservation Significance

This issue has particularly strong preservation significance because it is the first issue of Ophidia Review and preserves the publication at the moment of its launch. The interior introduction explicitly identifies it as the first edition and explains the publisher's decision to create a new series of specialised reptile and amphibian publications rather than expand an existing general publication. That statement gives the issue value beyond

its individual articles because it records the publisher's original editorial purpose and its view that reptile keeping was becoming increasingly specialised.

The issue also preserves a distinct snapshot of snake related publishing at the beginning of the 2000s. Its contents combine field and natural history material, captive breeding, taxonomic revision, news, and classified advertising. The inaugural contents include the Tyrolean Tree Viper, a revision of the Australasian pythons, captive breeding of Crotalus cerastes, snakes in the news, and classified advertisements. Preserving the physical issue retains not only those articles but also the launch statement, pricing, subscription structure, advertising contacts, editorial information, and design of a short lived specialist publication.

The first issue is additionally important because later bibliographic references continue to cite material published in Ophidia Review No. 1. The ISSN record confirms Ophidia Review as a United Kingdom print periodical, and later herpetological references cite the Australasian python revision as originally published in this inaugural issue. For a publication that is now difficult to encounter in ordinary circulation, retaining the original issue provides direct physical evidence of material that otherwise survives mainly through scattered citations and archived references.

Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

Field	Information
Title proper	Ophidia Review
ISSN status	Confirmed print ISSN record
Country of publication	United Kingdom
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Editor	Tom Burgess
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Web page	www.cviewmedia.com
Subscription information shown	£11.80 for 4 issues, post paid, for UK and EU countries; $19.80 for 4 issues, USA only
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International Distribution

Field	Information
Evidence of circulation	Cover prices in British pounds, United States dollars, and euros
United Kingdom and European Union	Four issue subscription listed at £11.80, post paid
United States	Four issue subscription listed at $19.80, USA only
Other countries	Distribution details not confirmed by the available issue

Inaugural Issue Contents

Field	Information
Page 4	The Tyrolean Tree Viper, by Euan Edwards
Page 7	Revision of the Australasian Pythons, by Raymond Hoser
Page 29	Crotalus cerastes, My experience with keeping and breeding this species, by John Bakker
Page 32	Snakes in the News
Page 34	Classifieds

Founding Editorial Statement

The introductory text describes Ophidia Review as the first title in a new series of publications on reptiles and amphibians. The publisher explains that specialisation was increasingly what readers wanted and that

separate titles for different reptile groups reflected a trend toward keepers concentrating on one group of animals.

This founding statement is valuable primary evidence because it explains why Ophidia Review was created in the publisher's own words. It should be preserved with the record because later bibliographic entries can establish that the publication existed, but they do not necessarily preserve the editorial reasoning behind its creation.

Issues Represented in the Collection

Field	Information
Issue represented	No. 1
Date	Autumn 2000
Historical significance	Inaugural issue
Additional issues	Not documented in this record

Issue Notes

Field	Information
Issue designation	No. 1
Season / year	Autumn 2000
Cover image	A yellow and black patterned snake photographed against branches
Price presentation	Three currencies are printed on the cover, reflecting intended circulation beyond the United Kingdom
Internal pagination	The photographed contents page is page 3
Publication statement	The issue identifies itself as the first edition of Ophidia Review

Independent Verification

The ISSN International Centre confirms ISSN 1464-7397 for Ophidia Review and identifies the country of publication as the United Kingdom. This independently verifies the title, print medium, ISSN, and country.

Later online references to Raymond Hoser's Australasian python revision identify it as having been originally published in Ophidia Review 1(1), Autumn 2000, pages 7 to 27. Those later references corroborate the article visible in the physical issue. Because those references are associated with the article's author and later disputes surrounding the work, they are useful for corroboration but should not be treated as neutral evidence for claims beyond publication details.

Website Category Placement

Field	Information
Primary website section	Magazine Preservation
Country grouping	United Kingdom
Publication title	Ophidia Review
Issue metadata	No. 1, Autumn 2000, cover price, ISSN, editor, publisher, cover photograph
Early run significance	First issue / inaugural issue
Preservation emphasis	Launch issue preserving the publisher's founding statement, specialist snake publishing, and original editorial context

Source Notes

Field	Information
Physical cover	Primary evidence for title, issue number, Autumn 2000 date, three currency cover prices, and cover design.
Physical masthead / contents page	Primary evidence for publisher, editor, contact information, ISSN, subscription information, copyright, cover photograph credit, article titles, article authors, and the inaugural editorial statement.
ISSN International Centre	Independent confirmation of Ophidia Review, ISSN 1464-7397, print medium, and United Kingdom country designation.

Later herpetological references to the Australasian python revision	Independent corroboration that the Raymond Hoser paper appeared in Ophidia Review No. 1, Autumn 2000, beginning on page 7.

Research Cautions

- Do not confuse this United Kingdom publication with other publications or organizations using the name Ophidia.
- The physical issue establishes No. 1 and Autumn 2000. A later author associated source gives an October 2000 publication date, but that more precise month is not printed on the photographed cover or masthead and should remain secondary evidence.
- The subscription wording on the masthead is small and should be preserved as photographed where exact punctuation or currency formatting matters.
- The introductory note includes commentary concerning the Raymond Hoser article and the publisher's position on specialist publishing. Preserve it as evidence of the issue's editorial context rather than converting it into an independent factual conclusion.
- This record documents the inaugural issue represented in the collection. It does not assume the total number of issues eventually published unless further primary evidence is located.

Web Sources Consulted

- ISSN International Centre. ISSN 1464-7397, Ophidia Review.
- Archived online references to Raymond Hoser, A Revision of the Australasian Pythons, originally published in Ophidia Review No. 1, Autumn 2000.