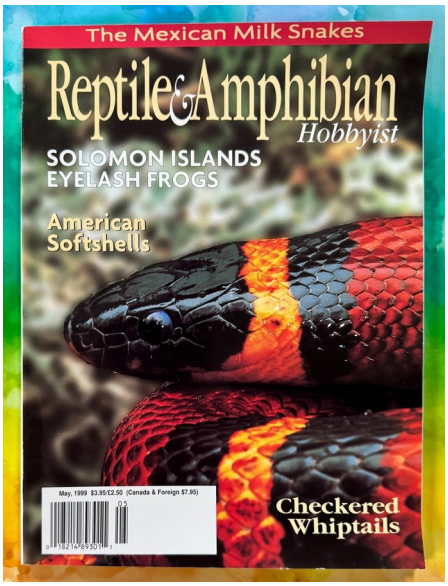
Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist

Magazine Research Record



May 1999. First combined issue following the acquisition and merger of Reptile & Amphibian Magazine and Reptile Hobbyist.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	United States
Publisher	T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
Publisher address	One TFH Plaza, Neptune City, New Jersey 07753
Magazine title	Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist
Publication status	Discontinued. November 2001 is identified as the final issue by independent magazine indexes.
Publication run	May 1999 through November 2001. The combined successor title followed the acquisition and merger of Reptile Hobbyist and Reptile & Amphibian Magazine.
Editor	Tom Mazorlig (documented among the editorial staff for the represented combined run)
Printer	Pending research update
ISSN	1525-4712
Language	English
Publication type	Specialist reptile and amphibian hobby magazine
Publication frequency	Monthly during the combined title period
Collection coverage	Twelve issues represented, from May 1999 through November 2001
Earliest issue represented	May 1999
Latest issue represented	November 2001
Publication origin	Created in 1999 by merging T.F.H. Publications' Reptile Hobbyist with the acquired Reptile & Amphibian Magazine
First combined issue	May 1999
Last issue	November 2001, according to independent magazine indexes
Editorial staff documented in collection research	Contributing Senior Editor: Dr. Warren E. Burgess; Executive Editor: Glen S. Axelrod; Editor: Tom Mazorlig; Managing Editor: Neal Pronek; Editor in Chief: Marilee Talman; Senior Editor: Jerry G. Walls
Predecessor publications	Reptile Hobbyist and Reptile & Amphibian Magazine

Preservation Significance

Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist is preservation significant because it represents the documented successor created from two established American herpetological magazines. The collection includes the May 1999 issue, the first combined issue named in the contemporary merger notice, together with later issues

extending through November 2001. This makes the collection capable of documenting not only a magazine title but the actual transition from two predecessor publications into a single successor.

The surviving issues preserve a concentrated period of late 1990s and early 2000s herpetoculture. Snake material remains especially prominent, including Mexican milk snakes, green rat snakes, island pythons, California kingsnakes, gray banded kingsnakes, black rat snakes, corn snakes, salt marsh snakes, Ruthven's kingsnake, California garter snakes, Angolan pythons, rosy boas, bushmasters and boa breeding.

The successor title also carried forward the broader editorial range of both predecessors. The represented issues include frogs, turtles, tortoises, monitors, geckos, breeding, vivarium design, field herpetology, enrichment and natural history. The result is a useful record of how T.F.H. combined two different herpetological publishing traditions into one monthly magazine.

Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

The documented successor title was published by T.F.H. Publications, Inc. at One TFH Plaza, Neptune City, New Jersey 07753. Collection research identifies Dr. Warren E. Burgess, Glen S. Axelrod, Tom Mazorlig, Neal Pronek, Marilee Talman and Jerry G. Walls in editorial roles. Individual staff assignments should not automatically be attributed to every issue without masthead verification.

International Distribution

Pending research update for issue specific overseas distributors, subscription arrangements and circulation territories. The available research establishes a United States publication and the represented issue sequence.

Documented Merger and Publication Lineage

The publication lineage is unusually well documented. A March 15, 1999 letter to Reptile & Amphibian Magazine subscribers, signed by Erica Ramus, states that the magazine had been acquired by T.F.H. Publications, Inc., publisher of the monthly Reptile Hobbyist.

The letter states that one more full issue of Reptile Hobbyist would appear and that the two magazines would merge to officially become Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist as of the May 1999 issue. The remainder of existing subscriptions would be fulfilled with the combined publication. This directly establishes the relationship among all three titles.

The three titles should therefore be understood as a connected publication lineage but retained as separate archival records: Reptile Hobbyist and Reptile & Amphibian Magazine are the two predecessor publications, while Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist is the successor created by their merger.

Issues Represented in the Collection

Field	Information
May 1999	First combined issue. Mexican Milk Snakes; Solomon Islands Eyelash Frogs; American Softshells; Checkered Whiptails.
August 1999	Yellow and Black Poison Frogs; Green Rat Snakes; Pancake Tortoises; Island Pythons, Savu and Macklot's.
October 1999	California Kingsnakes; Namib Sand Geckos; Breeding Water Monitors; box turtle husbandry question on the cover.
January 2000	Gray Banded Kingsnakes; Argus Monitors; naturalistic cages for Dumpy Treefrogs; Day Geckos.
May 2000	Lace Monitors; Black Rat Snakes; Diamondback Terrapin; historical material on Walter Auffenberg.
June / July 2000	Special Captive Breeding Issue. Breeding Iguanas; Python Sexing and Breeding; Feeding Colubrids; Building a Better Mouse Cage.
September 2000	Corn Snakes; Reptile Life Spans; Salt Marsh Snakes; Easy

	Maintenance Vivariums.
December 2000	Herping in Peru; Leopard Geckos; Cooters and Sliders; Breeding Gliding Frogs.
February 2001	Ruthven's Kingsnake; Blanding's Turtle; Herps of the Okefenokee; Calabar Burrowing Boa.
March 2001	California Garter Snakes; Fat Tailed Gecko; Angolan Python; Pixie Frogs.
July 2001	Rosy Boas; Neon Day Geckos; Enriching Your Herp's Life; Best Pet Treefrogs.
November 2001	Breeding Boas; Xenagama; Bushmasters; Asian Box Turtles. Independent indexes identify November 2001 as the final issue.

Editorial and Publishing Context

Collection research identifies T.F.H. Publications, Inc. at One TFH Plaza, Neptune City, New Jersey as publisher of the successor title. The documented editorial staff includes Dr. Warren E. Burgess, Glen S. Axelrod, Tom Mazorlig, Neal Pronek, Marilee Talman and Jerry G. Walls in senior editorial roles.

The successor title adopted a polished full page photographic design and a consistent Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist masthead. Its content retained the practical husbandry orientation of Reptile Hobbyist while also carrying forward the broader natural history, field and research interests associated with Reptile & Amphibian Magazine.

Snake Related Content

Snake coverage is a dominant feature of the represented successor run. Several issues place snakes at the center of the cover image and lead article package. The collection documents milk snakes, rat snakes, kingsnakes, island pythons, corn snakes, garter snakes, Angolan pythons, rosy boas, bushmasters, Calabar burrowing boas and boa breeding.

The June / July 2000 Special Captive Breeding Issue is particularly useful for documenting husbandry practice. Its cover specifically identifies Python Sexing and Breeding and Feeding Colubrids, together with a mouse cage article that reflects the supporting husbandry systems associated with snake keeping.

Independent Verification

The ISSN International Centre independently confirms Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist as a United States print serial with ISSN 1525-4712. Independent magazine indexes describe the title as the product of the merger between Reptile Hobbyist and Reptile & Amphibian Magazine and identify November 2001 as the final issue.

Independent periodical listings also preserve volume and issue information for the combined run. Examples include Volume 4, Number 11 for July 1999, Volume 4, Number 12 for August 1999 and Volume 5, Number 1 for September 1999, showing that the successor title continued an existing volume sequence rather than restarting at Volume 1.

Scientific and museum bibliographies cite articles published under the Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist title, demonstrating that material from the magazine continued to enter later herpetological reference literature.

Website Category Placement

Field	Information
Primary section	Magazine Preservation
Country grouping	United States
Publication title	Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist
Publisher	T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
ISSN	1525-4712
Represented span	May 1999 through November 2001
Publication lineage	Successor created by the merger of Reptile Hobbyist and Reptile &

	Amphibian Magazine
Preservation emphasis	Documented merger, successor publication history, late 1990s and early 2000s herpetoculture, strong snake coverage and continuity across predecessor titles

Source Notes

Field	Information
Physical covers	Primary evidence for the represented dates, cover subjects, prices, design development and the May 1999 through November 2001 collection span.
March 15, 1999 Erica Ramus subscriber letter	Primary contemporary evidence of T.F.H. Publications' acquisition of Reptile & Amphibian Magazine and the planned May 1999 merger with Reptile Hobbyist.
ISSN International Centre	Independent confirmation of Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist as a United States print serial with ISSN 1525-4712.
Independent magazine indexes	Evidence for the merger, the continuing volume sequence and the November 2001 final issue.
Scientific and museum bibliographies	Independent evidence that articles published in Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist were subsequently cited or indexed.

Research Cautions

- Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist should not be treated as merely a renamed Reptile & Amphibian Magazine. It was a successor title created by merging two predecessor magazines after an acquisition.
- The combined title retained an existing volume sequence rather than beginning again at Volume 1. Issue numbering should therefore be preserved exactly as printed when mastheads or bibliographic records are available.
- The represented physical collection does not necessarily include every issue published between May 1999 and November 2001.
- Editorial staff information comes from collection research associated with represented issues and should not automatically be applied to every issue without masthead verification.
- Reptile Hobbyist, Reptile & Amphibian Magazine and Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist are one connected publication lineage, but they are distinct serial titles and should remain separate MRRs.