



Front cover: *Pantherophis bairdi* (Yarrow, 1880). The distribution of Baird's Ratsnake extends from "the Edwards Plateau and Big Bend region in southwestern Texas southward through central Coahuila and Nuevo León to the Sierra Madre Oriental of southern Tamaulipas" (Heimes, 2016: 122); this species also occurs in southeastern Chihuahua. This individual was photographed in scrub vegetation in Sierra Rica, a Natural Protected Area in the municipality of Manuel Benavides, Chihuahua. Wilson et al. (2013a) determined its EVS as 15, placing it in the lower portion of the high vulnerability category. The IUCN considers its conservation status as Least Concern, but this species is not listed by SEMARNAT. *Photo by Sara G. Sáenz-González.*