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SWAN ISLANDS

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The Swan Islands consist of three “major” islands (including Booby Cay [= El Cayo Pájaro Bobo], with an area of <math><0.01\text{ km}^2</math>) and several even smaller satellites. Herpetological records exist only for Great Swan and Little Swan islands. Nine species of reptiles have been documented, but the lack of recent surveys and the questionable nature of several records suggest that only six species are present. *Ameiva ameiva fuliginosa* has not been collected on Great Swan Island since 1884; Barbour (1914) reported that this population was extirpated and Schwartz and Henderson (1988) suggested that the original record might have been a locality error. Schwartz and Thomas (1975) and MacLean et al. (1977) listed *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus lemniscatus* from Great Swan Island, but we can find no other records of the species from the islands. *Cubophis brooksi* was described on the basis of two specimens (MCZ 7893) by Barbour (1914), and Kardong (1980) described the musculature of

a female (MCZ 11979) donated to the museum in 1916. We have deleted *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus* from our list (following Schwartz & Henderson 1988 and subsequent checklists), but tentatively retain *A. ameiva fuliginosa* and *Cubophis brooksi*. (formerly considered a subspecies of *Cubophis cantherigerus*.)

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SWAN ISLAND BANK (= Islas del Cisne/Islas Santanilla)

GREAT SWAN ISLAND (= Cisne Grande/Isla Grande)
(17.41°/-83.93°) (5.5 km²)

Ameiva ameiva fuliginosa (PX)

Anolis nelsoni

Aristelliger nelsoni

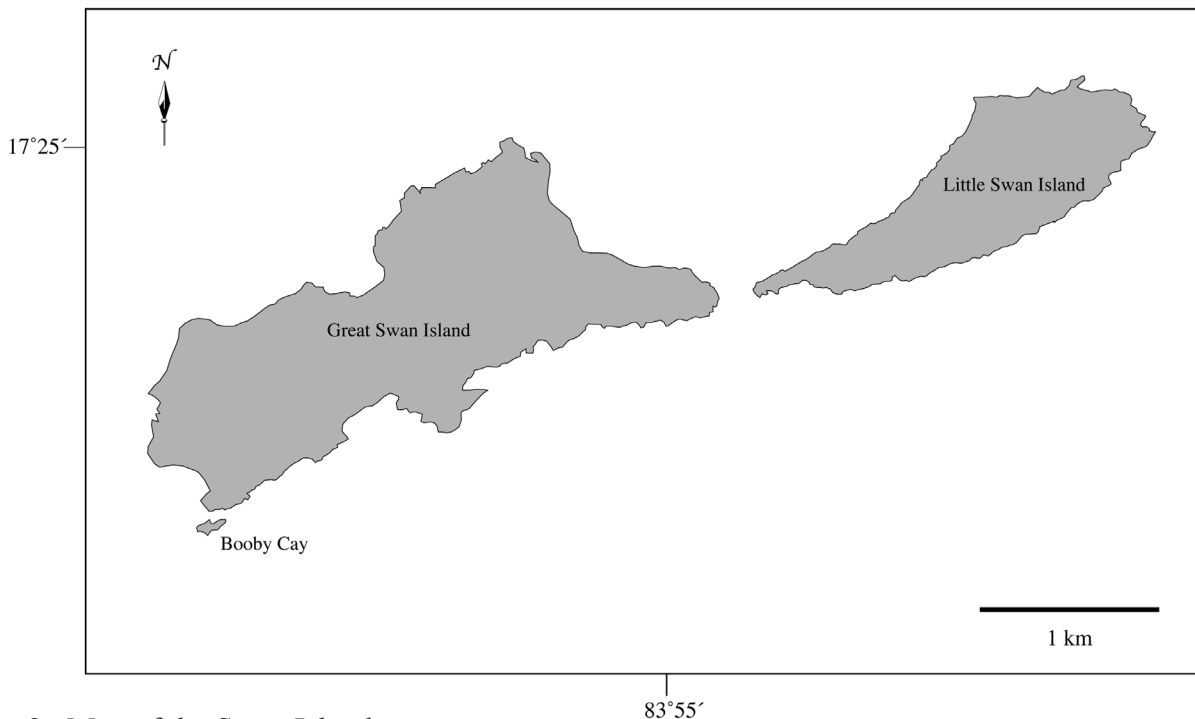


Figure 2. Map of the Swan Islands.

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Iguana iguana
Leiocephalus varius
Sphaerodactylus exsul
Epictia magnamaculata

LITTLE SWAN ISLAND (= Cisne Pequeño/Isla Pequeño)
(17.41°/-83.90°) (2.5 km²)

Anolis nelsoni
Aristelliger nelsoni
Iguana iguana
Leiocephalus varius
Sphaerodactylus exsul
Cubophis brooksi
Epictia magnamaculata

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