Mole Kingsnake
*Lampropeltis calligaster rhombomaculata*

**Rarity Rank:** S1S2/G5T5

**Identification:**
- Average of 76 to 102 cm in length
- Dorsum orange-tan, tan or medium brown with transverse red to dark brown blotches
- Crown marked by a spear-shaped mark
- Venter dull white to gray with irregular darker markings

**Habitat:**
- Found in thickets, woodlots, cultivated fields and occasionally back yards in suburban areas
- Those from LA found in upland longleaf pine woods and pine flatwoods

**Food habits:**
Lizards, small snakes, shrews, and small rodents

**Range:**
The coastal plains through the Fall Line hills of the Appalachians

**Reproduction:**
- Oviparous, laying 3 to 13 (average 8) eggs

**Threats:**
- Vehicular traffic causes death, and may have an impact on habitat
- Agricultural and urban development reduces habitat

**LA River Basins:**
Pearl, Pontchartrain

**References:**