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This chapter presents a review of the herpetology of Cuba. The formal taxonomy of Cuban herpetology starts with the description of *Typhlops lumbricalis* by Linnaeus in 1758. The first major contribution to Cuban herpetology was in Ramon de la Sagra's *Historia Fisica, Politica, y Natural de la Isla de Cuba*, which was published over a period of 15 years from 1838 to 1853. The herpetological section was written by Cocteau and Bibron, and included 34 species, 14 of which were new. The chapter mentions Felipe Poey y Aloy, a prominent figure in Cuban natural history, whose publication "Memorias Sobre la Historia Natural de la Isla de Cuba" was the first Cuban publication devoted exclusively to zoological matters. The main herpetological component of this publication was a detailed description of the circulatory system of *Crocodylus acutus* and *Crocodylus rhombifer*, and a discussion of the aortic circulation and the fact that the head of crocodiles receives a more oxygenated blood than the body.

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