The Black-banded Trinket Snake (*Oreocryptophis porphyraceus*) is a medium-sized colubrid found in China, Taiwan, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam (Nguyen et al. 2009). In Vietnam the known distribution of *O. porphyraceus* has been limited to the northern provinces where it often inhabits montane forests with elevations exceeding 800 m (Ziegler et al. 2004; Nguyen et al. 2009; Son and Truong 2014; Das 2016; Van Tan and Truong 2016; Le et al. 2018).

On 2 March 2019 at 2211h, colleagues and I found a Black-banded Trinket Snake crossing a stream (Fig. 1) in the western highlands of Lam Dong Province (11.4475°N, 108.0648°E; WGS 84; 1,281 m asl). The landscape of this area is dominated by tropical montane evergreen forest. Based on criteria listed by Das (2016), we assigned this snake to the subspecies *O. p. vaillanti*. Snout-vent length (SVL) was 61.5 cm and total length (TL) 76 cm. Some damage to the left eye was evident (Fig. 2).

The most southerly previously published record of *O. porphyraceus* in Vietnam was from Quang Binh Province (Fig. 2).
This record extends the distribution to Lam Dong Province and is the first report of the species in southern Vietnam.

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