“On the hot sand of the new road at Beck stows headed toward the water a rod or more of had *some* green conferva? On its shell and body- what is prob. Cistuda Blandingii- Length of upper shell 6 ½ inches breadth behind 4 5/8 –Tail beyond shell 2 ¼ . Did not see it shut its box; kept running back to the posterior margin of the 3rd dorsal plate- Ran out its head further & oftener than usual. The spots pale yellow or buff. Upper half of head & neck blackish the former quite smooth for 1 5/8 inches & finely sprinkled with yellowish spots, the latter warty. The snout lighter with fine perpendicular black marks- Eyes large? irides dull green golden. Under *jaw and throat clear chrome yellow.*  Under parts of neck & roots of fore legs duller yellow- inner parts behind duller yellow still. Fore legs with black scales more or less yellow spotted above; at root & beneath pale yellow & yellowish- Hind legs uniformly black above 7 but little lighter beneath. Tail black all round. No red or orange about the animal- No hook or notch to jaw Plantain some days and gnaphalium ap 2 or 3 days.”