

MISCELLANEA.

MAMMALS.

A SUBFOSSIL BAT'S SKULL FROM RODRIGUEZ I.—[In the late Dr. J. Anderson's Catalogue of the Mammals in the Indian Museum (pt. I, p. 100; 1881) a subfossil bat's skull from the Rodriguez Island is referred to *Pteropus rodricensis*. As some doubts were felt as to the correctness of this identification, the specimen was recently sent to Dr. Knud Andersen, who reports on it as follows.]

“The subfossil *Pteropus* skull from the island of Rodriguez is that of a *Pteropus niger* (not, as believed by the late Dr. John Anderson, the widely different *Pt. rodricensis*).

“For two reasons this specimen is of more than ordinary interest:—First, because the species is said now to be very rare, if not actually extinct; second, because (so far as I am aware) it was hitherto known from Réunion and Mauritius only, so that this would mean to be the first record from the more outlying island of Rodriguez.

“The skull is that of an aged individual, whereas that figured in Cat. Chir. B. M., 2nd edition, I, p. 217 is subadult only.”

KNUD ANDERSEN.

REPTILES.

A LIST OF THE REPTILES OBTAINED BY MR. H. STEVENS IN UPPER ASSAM AND THE EASTERN HIMALAYAS.—Apart from a lizard, *Gymnodactylus khasiensis*, Jerdon, obtained at Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam, and a frog, *Rana liebighii*, Gthr., from 11,500 ft. altitude at Sandakpho (Nepal-Sikkim frontier), the species represented in the small collection submitted to me for identification belong to the Ophidia.

1. *Typhlops diardi*, Schleg.
Dejoo; Silonibari; base of Daffa hills, Upper Assam.
2. *Tropidonotus parallelus*, Blgr.
Maikola valley, East Nepal, 7000—10000 ft.
Two specimens, ♂ (V. 196; C. 102) and ♀ (V. 172; C. 86).

The former is remarkable for the high number of ventral and subcaudal shields. Back olive-green, sides brown, the light dorso-lateral band scarcely indicated; sides of ventral and subcaudals red.

3. *Tropidonotus piscator*, Schneid.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
4. *Tropidonotus himalayanus*, Gthr.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
5. *Tropidonotus stolatus*, L.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
6. *Tropidonotus chrysargus*, Schleg.
Silonibari, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
7. *Pseudoxenodon macrops*, Blyth.
Maikola valley, East Nepal.
8. *Blythia reticulata*, Blyth.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam, and base of
Dafla hills.
9. *Lycodon jara*, Shaw.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
10. *Coluber radiatus*, Schleg.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
11. *Simotes albocinctus*, Cantor.
Dejoo and base of Dafla hills.
The specimens belong to the typical form.
12. *Dipsadomorphus hexagonotus*, Blyth.
North Lakhimpur ; base of Dafla hills.
13. *Psammodynastes pulverulentus*, Boie.
North Lakhimpur ; base of Dafla hills.
14. *Dryophis prasinus*, Boie.
Dejoo, North Lakhimpur, Upper Assam.
15. *Naia tripudians*, Merr.
North Lakhimpur ; base of Dafla hills.
A young specimen referable to the var. *fasciata*, Gray,
with 25 scales across hood, 21 across body ; V. 196 ;
C. 62.
16. *Lachesis gramineus* (Shaw).
North Lakhimpur ; base of Dafla hills.

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CRUSTACEA.

NOTES ON PLANKTON FROM THE CHILKA LAKE.—The tow-nettings on which the following notes are based were taken by Dr. Annandale and Mr. Kemp on the surface of the Chilka Lake off Barkul in the Puri district of Orissa in July, 1913.

Of three samples that I have examined, the first contained only a number of immature Mysids, and a small quantity of detritus. The remaining two samples, however, contained a certain number of planktonic organisms.