

AN UPDATED  
SYSTEMATIC INDEX AND BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE REPTILES OF THE  
WESTERN GHATS, INDIA

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INTRODUCTION

Reptiles constitute a conspicuous component of the faunistically rich Western Ghats (see map). Despite the pioneering herpetological exploration of the various hills of the *ghats* in the recent years, the biologists, the conservationists, the forest officials and others face a major handicap because of the non-availability of a handy and an upto-date systematic index to the species of the reptiles that have been reliably reported as part of the fauna of the Western Ghats and the lack of a readily accessible bibliography on the subject. This is the main reason for presenting this paper which is intended to meet the primary requirements of the increasing number of herpetologists and others interested in the reptile fauna of the Western Ghats and to save them from having to duplicate their efforts.

This task has been undertaken in the realisation that this work may contain omissions. It is hoped that the users of this paper will discover them and inform me.

SYSTEMATIC INDEX

The taxonomic arrangement of the index broadly follows the lines laid down by Malcolm Smith (1931, 1935, 1943).

Additions, deletions and other changes reflect the literature since the issue of Smith's works. Rare species are indicated by an asterisk.

Order TESTUDINES Batsch 1788

TURTLES AND TORTOISES

Fam. 1. EMYDIDAE Gray 1825

Gen. 1. *Heosemys* Stejneger 1902

1. *H. silvatica* Henderson 1912\*

2. *Melanochelys trijuga trijuga* (Schweigger) 1814

2a. *M. t. coronate* (Anderson) 1879

Fam. 2. TESTUDINIDAE Gray 1825

Gen. 3. *Geochelone* Fitzinger 1835

3. *G. elegans* (Schoepff) 1792  
 Gen. 4. **Indotestudo** Lindholm 1929  
 4. *I. forsteni* (Boulenger) 1907  
 Fam. 3. **TRIONYCHIDAE** Bell 1828  
 Gen. 5. **Lissemys** M. A. Smith 1931  
 5. *L. punctata punctata* Bonnaterre 1789  
 Gen. 6. **Trionyx** Geoffroy 1809  
 6. *T. leithi* Gray 1872  
 Order **SQUAMATA** Oppel 1811  
 Suborder **SAURIA** Macartney 1803  
**LIZARDS**  
 Fam. 4. **GEKKONIDAE** Gray 1825  
 Gen. 7. **Cnemaspis** Strauch 1887  
 7. *C. indica* (Gray)  
 8. *C. wynadensis* (Beddome) 1870  
 9. *C. sisparensis* (Theobald) 1876  
 10. *C. ornata* (Beddome) 1870  
 11. *C. beddomei* (Theobald)  
 12. *C. mysoriensis* (Jerdon) 1853  
 13. *C. kandiana* (Kelaart) 1852  
 14. *C. goaensis* Sharma 1976  
 15. *C. gracilis* (Beddome) 1870  
 16. *C. jerdoni* (Theobald) 1868  
 17. *C. tropidogaster* (Boulenger) 1885  
 18. *C. littoralis* (Jerdon)  
 19. *C. nairi* Inger et al  
 Gen. 8. **Dravidogecko** Smith 1933  
 20. *D. anamallensis* (Guenther) 1875  
 Gen. 9. **Hemidactylus** Oken 1817  
 21. *H. triedrus* (Daudin) 1802  
 22. *H. maculatus* Dum. & Bibr. 1836  
 23. *H. brooki* Gray 1845  
 24. *H. prashadi* M.A. Smith 1935  
 25. *H. frenatus* Schlegel 1836  
 26. *H. leschenaulti* Dum. & Bibr. 1836  
 Gen. 10. **Hemiphyllodactylus** Bleeker  
 27. *H. typus aurantiacus* Beddome 1870\*  
 Fam. 5. **AGAMIDAE** Gray 1827  
 Gen. 11. **Draco** Linnaeus 1758  
 28. *D. dussumieri* Dum. & Bibr. 1837

- Gen. 12. **Sitana** Cuvier 1829  
 29. *S. ponticeriana* Cuvier 1844
- Gen. 13. **Otocryptis** Wagler 1830  
 30. *O. beddomii* Boulenger 1885\*
- Gen. 14. **Salea** Gray 1845  
 31. *S. horsfieldi* Gray 1845  
 32. *S. anamallayana* Beddome 1878
- Gen. 15. **Calotes** Cuvier 1817  
 33. *C. versicolor* (Daudin) 1802  
 34. *C. nemicola* Jerdon 1853  
 35. *C. grandisquamis* Guenther  
 36. *C. calotes* (Linnaeus) 1758  
 37. *C. rouxi* Dum. & Bibr. 1837  
 38. *C. ellioti* Guenther 1864
- Gen. 16. **Psammophilus** Fitzinger 1843  
 39. *P. dorsalis* (Gray) 1831  
 40. *P. blanfordanus* (Stoliczka) 1871
- Fam. 6. **CHAMAELEONIDAE** Gray 1820  
 Gen. 17. **Chamaeleo** Laurenti 1768  
 41. *Chamaeleo zeylanicus* Laurenti 1768
- Fam. 7. **SCINCIDAE** Gray 1825  
 Gen. 18. **Mabuya** Fitzinger 1826  
 42. *M. macularia* (Blyth) 1853  
 43. *M. carinata* (Schneider) 1801  
 44. *M. beddomii* (Jerdon) 1870  
 45. *M. clavicola* Inger et al
- Gen. 19. **Dasia** Gray 1839  
 46. *D. haliana* Haly & Neviu 1887\*
- Gen. 20. **Sphenomorphus** Fitzinger 1843  
 47. *S. dussumieri* Dum. & Bibr. 1839
- Gen. 21. **Scincella** Mittleman 1950  
 48. *S. travancorica* (Beddome) 1870  
 49. *S. palnicum* (Boettger) 1892  
 50. *S. beddomei* (Beddome) 1870  
 51. *S. laterimaculatum* (Boulenger) 1887  
 52. *S. bilineatum* (Gray) 1846
- Gen. 22. **Riopa** Gray 1839  
 53. *R. punctata* (Gmelin) 1799  
 54. *R. guentheri* (Gray) 1831  
 55. *R. lineata* (Gray) 1839

56. *R. goaensis* Sharma 1976
- Gen. 23. **Ristella** Gray 1839
57. *R. rurki* Gray 1839
58. *R. travancorica* (Beddome) 1870
59. *R. guentheri* Boulenger 1887
60. *R. beddomii* Boulenger 1887
- Gen. 24. **EUMECES** Weigmann 1834
61. *E. poonaensis* Sharma 1970
- Fam. 8. **LACERTIDAE** Gray 1825
- Gen. 25. **Cabrita** Gray 1838
62. *C. leschenaulti* (Milne-Edward) 1829
- Gen. 26. **Ophisops** Menetries 1832
63. *O. beddomei* (Jerdon) 1870
64. *O. jerdoni* Blyth 1853
- Fam. 9. **VARANIDAE** Gray 1827
- Gen. 27. **Varanus** Merrem 1120
65. *V. bengalensis* (Daudin) 1802
- SUBORDER SERPENTES Linnae 1758
- SNAKES
- Fam. 10. **TYPHLOPIDAE** Boulenger 1890
- Gen. 28. **Ramphotyphlops** Fitzinger 1843
66. *R. braminus* (Daudin) 1803
- Gen. 29. **Typhlops** Oppel 1811
67. *T. thurstoni* Boettger 1890\*
68. *T. beddomei* Boulenger 1890\*
69. *T. acutus* (Dum. & Bibr.) 1844
- Fam. 11. **UROPELTIDAE** Gray 1845
- Gen. 30. **Melanophidium** Guenther 1864
70. *M. punctatum* Beddome 1871
71. *M. bilineatum* Beddome 1870
72. *M. wynaudense* (Beddome) 1863
- Gen. 31. **Platyplectrurus** Guenther 1868
73. *P. trilineatus* Beddome 1871
74. *P. madurensis madurensis* Beddome 1877
- Gen. 32. **Teretrurus** Beddome 1886
75. *T. sanguineus* Beddome 1867
- Gen. 33. **Brachyophidium** Wall 1921
76. *B. rhodogaster* Wall 1921.
- Gen. 34. **Plectrurus** Dumeril
77. *P. perroteti* Dum. & Bibr. 1854

78. *P. guentheri* Beddome 1863  
 79. *P. aureus* Beddome 1880  
 80. *P. canericus* (Beddome) 1870  
 Gen. 35. **Uropeltis** Cuvier 1829  
 81. *U. ellioti* Gray 1858  
 82. *U. nitidus* (Beddome) 1878\*  
 83. *U. ocellatus* (Beddome) 1863  
 84. *U. dindigalensis* (Beddome) 1877  
 85. *U. beddomei* (Guenther) 1862  
 86. *U. Woodmasoni* (Theobald) 1876  
 87. *U. macrolepis macrolepis* (Peters) 1843  
 87a. *U. m. mahableshwarensis* Chari 1955  
 88. *U. ceylanicus* Cocteau 1833  
 89. *U. arciliceps* (Guenther) 1875  
 90. *U. rubromaculatus* (Beddome) 1867  
 91. *U. rubrolineatus* (Guenther) 1875  
 92. *U. myhendrae* (Beddome) 1886  
 93. *U. broughami* (Beddome) 1878  
 94. *U. maculatus* (Beddome) 1878  
 95. *U. petersi* (Beddome) 1878  
 96. *U. liura* (Guenther) 1875  
 97. *U. pulneyensis* (Beddome) 1863  
 98. *U. smithi* Gans 1966  
 Gen. 34. **Rhinophis** Hemprich 1820  
 99. *R. sanguineus* Beddome 1863\*  
 100. *R. fergusonianus* Boulenger 1896\*  
 101. *R. travancoricus* Boulenger 1892  
 Fam. 12. **BOIDAE** Gray 1842  
 Gen. 35. **Python** Daudin 1803  
 102. *P. molurus molurus* (Linnae) 1758  
 Gen. 36. **Eryx** Daudin 1803  
 103. *E. conicus* (Schneider) 1801  
 Fam. 13. **COLUBRIDAE** Cope 1893  
 Gen. 37. **Elaphe** Fitzinger 1833  
 104. *E. helena* (Daudin) 1803  
 Gen. 38. **Ptyas** Fitzinger 1843  
 105. *P. mucosus* (Linnae) 1758  
 Gen. 39 **Argyrogena** Werner 1924  
 106. *A. ventromaculatus* (Gray & Hardwicke 1834)  
 107. *A. fasciolatus* (Shaw) 1802

- Gen. 40. **Liopeltis** Fitzinger 1843  
 108. *L. calamera* (Guenther) 1858
- Gen. 41. **Coronella** Laurenti 1768  
 109. *C. brachyura* (Guenther) 1866
- Gen. 42. **Oligodon** Boie 1827  
 110. *O. venustus* (Jerdon) 1853  
 111. *O. travancoricus* Beddome 1877  
 112. *O. taeniolatus* (Jerdon) 1853  
 113. *O. arnensis* (Shaw) 1802  
 114. *O. affinis* Guenther 1862  
 115. *O. brevicauda* Guenther 1862  
 116. *O. nikhili* Whitaker & Dattatri 1982
- Gen. 43. **Dendrelaphis** Boulenger 1890  
 117. *D. grandoculis* (Boulenger) 1890  
 118. *D. bifrenalis* (Boulenger) 1890\*  
 119. *D. caudolineatus* (Guenther) 1869\*  
 120. *D. tristis* (Daudin) 1803
- Gen. 44. **Chrysopelea** Boie 1826  
 121. *C. ornata* (Shaw) 1802
- Gen. 45. **Lycodon** Boie 1826  
 122. *travancoricus* (Beddome) 1870  
 123. *L. flavomaculatus* Wall 1907\*  
 124. *L. aulicus* (Linnae) 1754
- Gen. 46. **Dryocalamus** Guenther 1758  
 125. *D. gracilis* (Guenther) 1864\*
- Gen. 47. **Sibynophis** Fitzinger 1843  
 126. *S. subpunctatus* Dum. & Bibr. 1854\*
- Gen. 48. **Xenochrophis** Guenther 1864  
 127. *X. piscator* (Schneider) 1799
- Gen. 49. **Amphiesma** Dum. Bibr. 1854  
 128. *A. stolata* (Linnae) 1758  
 129. *A. beddomei* (Guenther) 1864  
 130. *A. monticola* (Jerdon) 1853
- Gen. 50. **Macropisthodon** Boulenger 1893  
 131. *M. plumbicolor* (Cantor) 1839
- Gen. 51. **Atretium** Cope 1861  
 132. *A. schistosum* (Daudin) 1863
- Gen. 52. **Rhabdops** Boulenger 1893  
 133. *R. olivaceus* (Beddome) 1863
- Gen. 53. **Xylophis** Beddome 1878

134. *X. perroteti* (Dum. & Bib.) 1854  
 135. *X. stenorhynchus* (Guenther) 1875  
 Gen. 54. **Boiga** Fitzinger 1826  
 136. *B. trigonata* (Schneider) 1802  
 137. *B. ceylonensis* (Guenther) 1858  
 138. *B. forsteni* (Dum. & Birr.) 1854  
 139. *B. dightoni* (Boulenger) 1894  
 Gen. 55. **Ahaetulla** Meise & Henning 1932  
 140. *A. perroteti* (Dum. & Bibr.) 1854  
 141. *A. dispar* (Guenther) 1864  
 142. *A. nasuta* (Lacepede) 1789  
 143. *A. pulverulenta* (Dum. & Bibx.) 1854  
 Fam. 14. **ELAPIDAE** Boie 1827  
 Gen. 56. **Bungarus** Daudin 1803  
 144. *B. caeruleus* (Schneider) 1801  
 Gen. 57. **Calliophis** Gray 1834  
 145. *C. melanurus* (Shaw) 1802  
 146. *C. beddomei* Smith 1943  
 147. *C. bibroni* (Jan) 1858  
 Gen. 58. **Naja** Laurenti 1758  
 148. *Naja naja naja* (Linnae) 1758  
 Gen. 59. **Ophiophagus** Guenther 1864  
 149. *O. hannah* (Cantor) 1836  
 Fam. 15. **VIPERIDAE** Bonnaparte 1840  
 Gen. 60. **Vipera** Laurenti 1768  
 150. *V. russelli russelli* (Shaw) 1797  
 Gen. 61. **Hypnale** Fitzinger 1843  
 151. *H. hypnale* (Merrem) 1820  
 Gen. 62. **Trimeresurus** Lacepede 1804  
 152. *T. macrolepis* Beddome 1862  
 153. *T. malabaricus* (Jerdon) 1854  
 154. *T. strigatus* Gray 1842  
 155. *T. gramineus* (Shaw) 1802  
 156. *T. huttoni* Smith 1949

## SUMMARY

An updated systematic index and scientific literature published on the reptiles of the Western Ghats since the issue of Malcolm Smith's volumes (1931, 1935, 1943) in the *Fauna of British India* series have been provided.

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