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OPHIDIA.

Xenopeltis unicolor. 2♀. One specimen contained the remains of
a frog (sp. not identified).

Ahaetulla picta. 1♀, 1 immature. The immature specimen measured;
H. & B., 216.3 mm.: Tail, 104.5 mm.: Total, 320.8 mm.. It was
taken on the twigs at the outer end of a lower branch of a
cinnamon tree.

LACERTILIA.

Hemidactylus frenatus. 1♂.

Calotes cristatellus. 1 subadult ♂.

Draco volans. Two ♀ specimens were obtained during the month. The
general colour of the upper parts of the body is a pale grey
mottled with darker grey, brown and black. The patagia are
boldly barred with yellow. The gular appendage in the females
is small in size, and in colour is pale blue spotted with black.
These two specimens measured: H. & B., 76.1 & 74.1 mm.:
Tail, 120.0 & 114.2 mm.: Total, 196.1 & 188.3 mm.: Point of
Snout to Centre of Aperture of Ear, 12.7 & 13.1 mm.: Axilla to
Groin, 44.9 & 43.5 mm.: Fore Leg, 28.7 & 27.9 mm.: Longest
Digit on Fore Leg, 8.5 & 7.0 mm.: Hind Leg, 34.6 & 32.8 mm.:
Longest Digit on Hind Foot, 11.9 & 10.7 mm.: Greatest Width
across extended Patagia, 75.2 & 72.5 mm..

One specimen contained three eggs measuring 12.0 x
6.0 mm..

Mabua multifasciata. 1♂. The stomach contents of this specimen
were examined by Capt. H. M. Pendlebury and found to contain;
a cricket (Gryllidae); a grasshopper of the family Tettigonidae;
a grasshopper nymph of the genus Tagasta, and an unidentified
grasshopper; the wing of a Neuropterous insect of the family
Chrysopidae; the head of a Digger Wasp; parts of three spiders;
and a certain amount of vegetation.

Dr. C. A. Gibson-Hill informs me that at his Hut (No. 40)
a specimen of this species has been observed to enter the hut
and eat boiled rice from a plate.

Lygosoma bowringii. 2♀. Capt. Pendlebury examined the stomach con-
tents of these two specimens and found them to contain; an ear-
wig of the Order Dermoptera; two winged ants; a caterpillar of
a Geometric moth; and two spiders.

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