

Notes on the species of *Ophidia* and *Lacertlia* obtained at Sime Road Internment Camp, Singapore, during January 1945

Alexander Cross

Note: First two pages contain the report proper. Pages 3 and 7 contain notes to Dr. Carl Gibson-Hill. Page 4 is a torn note to Gibson-Hill. Pages 5 and 6 appear to be random scribbblings on pieces of paper.

OPHIDIA.

Cylindrophis rufus: 1 ♀.

667 6.1.45 ♀ Taken in late afternoon on bank by the side of the drain below Hut 131 and about 150 yards west of the hut. This specimen has irregular broken transverse red bars across the back. The stomach contained an eel, identified by E.O. Shebbeare as an amphibious fresh-water eel of the genus Amphip-nous. The species inhabiting Bengal is A. cuchia, but Mr. Shebbeare could not say if the same species was found on Singapore Island. The eel measured 175 mms..

Macrophistodon rhodomelas: 1 immature ♀.

681 13.1.45 ♀ Taken near Hut 135.

Lycodon aulicus: 2 ♂, 2 ♀, 1 immature.

678 11.1.45 ♀ Taken alive near Hut 1, Women's Camp. Measured and released.

698 20.1.45 ♀ Taken in woodpile, South Lower Kitchen. Measured and released.

699 20.1.45 imm. Taken in woodpile, South Lower Kitchen. Gut empty.

700 21.1.45 ♂ Taken in Blacksmith's Shop, Central Area. Gut empty.

716 30.1.45 ♂ Taken near Hut 135; fat and sluggish; measured and released.

Passerita prasina. 1 ♀.

688 17.1.45 ♀ Taken at Adam Park. This specimen had been in a "rain tree" and was killed by the crash when the tree was felled. The gut contained a Calotes cristatellus, fully grown, but too far digested to permit of any measurements being taken. This is a new species for the Camp. It is a bright grass green on the back, shading to emerald green on the belly. A bright yellow sublateral line runs the whole length of the body. The head is large and triangular in shape, while the neck is extremely narrow.

Maticora intestinalis: 1 ♂.

671 8.1.45 ♂ Taken during chunkolling operations near Hut 135. The gut contained the partly digested remains of a blind snake (Typhlops braminus).

Naja naja: 1 ♀.

697 19.1.45 ♀ Taken beside the drain below Hut 131A. Gut empty.

LACERTILIA.

Calotes cristatellus: 2 ♂.

655 5.1.45 ♂ Taken on a bush in the orchard.

714 29.1.45 ♂ Taken on grass in the orchard. The left hind leg was broken.

The stomach contents of these two specimens were examined by Capt. H. M. Pendlebury who found them to contain - Dysdercus cingulatus (Pyrrhocoridae) in various stages (eggs, nymphs, and imago); ~~xxx~~ Melolonthine beetle grubs; various parts of beetles too fragmentary for identification but probably Melolonthine; and specimens of three species of ants (Formicidae) including winged ants.

Draco volans: 1 ♂, 1 ♀.

660 6.1.45 ♀ Taken near Hut 119. Contained three eggs, white in colour and elliptical in shape, measuring 12.5 x 6.5; 12.0 x 7.0; 11.5 x 7.0 mms..

690 17.1.45 ♂ Taken in Central woodyard. Part of tail missing.

Lygosoma bowringii: 1 ♀.

639 4.1.45 ♀ Taken at Hut 118. This skink had put its head inside the shell of a rubber nut and had, apparently been unable to withdraw it again. It was dead when found, and the rubber shell had to be split open before the skink could be extracted.

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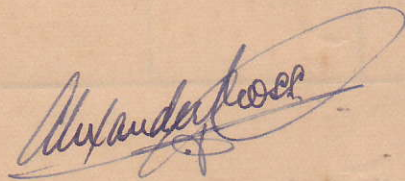
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Herewith the report for January.

- 671 8.1.45 M.intestinalis ♂ 399.5-16.5-410=13-279-S-15p.
678 11.1.45 L.aulicus ♀ 428-103-531=17-189-D-67p.
681 13.1.45 M.rhodomelas ♀ 254.5-51-305.5=19-138-D-49p.
688 17.1.45 P.prasina ♀ 1033-598-1631=15-229-S-188p.
690 17.1.45 D.volans ♂ 71.9-80.3+-152.2+-12.4-46.3-29.9-7.0-33.1-
10.6-70.6
697 19.1.45 N.naja ♀ 346-58-404=19-185-S-(1s+50p.)
698 20.1.45 L.aulicus ♀ 347-87-434=17-190-D-69p.
699 20.1.45 L.aulicus imm. 154-~~XXX~~ 37-191=17-194-D-65p.
700 21.1.45 L.aulicus ♂ 357.5-81.8-439.3=17-187-D-62p.
714 29.1.45 C.cristatellus ♂ 115.1-328.1-443.2-31.0-62.0-60.0-
18.0-96.0-35.2
716 30.1.45 L.aulicus ♂ 485-108-593=17-187-D-67p.
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- 721 1.2.45 C.rufus ♀ 479-10-489=19-209-D-6s. Taken beside drain
in central garden. has faint reddish markings across
the back. Contained an Amphipnous sp. measuring 271.3 mm.

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Hut 40.



♀ 10:1:45 (L. aulicus)

Pregnant today + tail. Women's Hospital

- D-66p: tail 101 mm long.

four eggs. hind-gut empty.

Herewith my report on
obtained in this camp during the
no experience of writing these
indulgence if it is not up to
I would be glad to receive any

You realise, of course
are subject to confirmation at
that 'nothing is known of ----

Since the beginning
multifasciata which contained
embryos - whatever you like to
therefore to be viviparous, my
reports on later months. What
present I have the four of the

Yesterday I received
dug up in the garden. I cut o
ly developed for any identific
other three eggs.

Please let me have yo
in due course.

Yours since

Dr. C. A. Gibson-Hill,
Hut 40,
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General & Grade No.

Due release

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Fit for

M. O.'s
Remarks

Diet

Corporal
Punishment

Solitary
Confinement

♂ H&B 56.0 Axilla grain
 Tail 67.5
 Total 125.5
 Ch. 44.
 hypero. subitus ♀
 14.10
 Axilla grain 14.8
 Bash right flank 20.0
 Axilla grain 20.0
 Total length (collarated) 540-550 mm.
 Caudals 17, small. D, tail about 60 p.p. 9 mm long.
 Foreleg 17.5
 longidigit. 4.0
 Hind leg 22.5
 longidigit. 5.5

h. a. g.	111	22	20	24	2	1	1	27
h. g. p.	55		21	46	12	2	5	58
W		(213)	40	45	14	4	3	63
P. f	19.3	61	41	54	33	9	8	96
NW		16	41	47				
W. o. n.	15.25	(603)						

main spring log on 24th 2.63.

- Run 92 }
 Run 55 } 147⁹ Tot 362 pmts
 Down 3/4 pt
 Min 1/4 pt

310⁹ Tot 760 pmts
 Down 3/4 pt
 Min 1/4 pt

112⁹ Tot 900 pmts
 280⁹ Tot 900 pmts
 All.
 All.

19.3 15.25

Hut 118.
20th. February 1945.

In reply to your note of 16th.:-

(a) No 581 13.12.44 Macrophistodon rhodomelas imm. ♀ 136-31.5-167.5=19-132-D-52p. These measurements were sent you in my note of 17th. December together with the details of Nos. 576. 577, & 582.

(b) I have no record of a Xenopeltis unicolor taken on 23.11.44. The only specimen of that species I have recorded for November was taken at this hut on 11.11.44 (vide November report). If the specimen you refer to was taken at your end, then I am afraid you failed to report it.

Herewith the measurements of the species taken since my note of 10th. Feb.:-

732 10.2.45 Passerita prasina ♀ 1199-637-1836/15-223-D-186p..

735 11.2.45 Lycodon aulicus ♀ from you.

736 11.2.45 Lygosoma bowringii ♂ from you.

804 17.2.45 Dendrelaphis caudolineatus ♀ 958-344-1302/13-183-D-104p.

809 19.2.45 Trimeresurus wagleri imm. ♂ 304-58.5-362.5/21-172-S-56p.

811 20.2.45 Mabuia multifasciata ♀ 103.1-160.6-263.7-20.0-57.8-32.4-8.9-44.7-18.5

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