

ON A NEW MOUSE-DEER FROM UPPER SIAM,

BY C. BODEN KLOSS, F.Z.S.

Amongst the specimens of mammals which have been sent me from Siam is an example of a Lesser Mouse-deer which, I believe, becomes the most northerly specimen on record. Though it does not notably differ in colour from *T. k. affinis*, Gray, of Cambodia, etc., yet it is so much larger (head and body, 525; hind foot, 125; skull, 103 mm. against 438; 110; 89.5 for *T. k. affinis*¹) that I consider it to be a distinct local form allied to that race and have named it in honour of Mr. W. J. F. Williamson.

In size the animal most closely agrees with the strikingly-coloured *Tragulus versicolor*, from Nhatrang, S. Annam², but whereas that is regarded as a member of the Greater Malayan Mouse-deer (or *javanicus*) group, the present individual unquestionably belongs to the finer-haired Lesser Mouse-deer (or *kanchil*) section.

***Tragulus kanchil williamsoni*, subsp. nov.**

Type (and only specimen examined). Adult female (skin and skull) with worn teeth. Author's No. 2094/CBK. Obtained at Me Song forest, Pre, North Siam, on 16th April 1916 by the collectors of Messrs Williamson and Smith.

Colour. Above finely speckled ochraceous-buff tending to tawny on the lumbar region and rump; blacker on the head, lighter on the sides, on the nape a faintly indicated stripe of the same colour as the occiput; the hairs of the posterior rump with long, dark brown tips. Fore-limbs ochraceous-buff becoming ochraceous-orange on their outer sides; hind-limbs ochraceous-buff darkening to deep ochraceous-tawny above the hocks; upper side of tail ochraceous-tawny: ears covered externally with fine, short, dark brown hair: upper eyelid partly blackish.

Underside of head, body and tail white, this colour extending along the fore-limbs as far as the hocks only but on the hind-limbs narrowly down the front of the cannon bones.

¹ Also a female with worn teeth, vide Kloss, P.Z.S., 1916, p. 63.

² Thomas, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., (8), v, p. 525 (1910).

There is the usual throat-triangle which is of the same colour as the sides of the neck, but it is not closed anteriorly and the sides are only 6-8 mm. wide. A faintly-indicated ochraceous line is present down the centre of the chest and expands somewhat on the abdomen.

Measurements. External measurements taken in the flesh:—head and body, 525; tail, 74; hind foot, 125; ear, 43. Skull:—greatest length, 103; condylo-basal length, 94.7; basal length, 88.3; palatal length, 63; length of upper tooth-row:—alveolar 33.2, crowns 34.5; crowns of premolars only, 17; greatest length of nasals, 30; greatest breadth of combined nasals, 13.3; least interorbital breadth, 27; zygomatic breadth, 45.3 mm.