

basal length 116; greatest length of upper sectorial 17; greatest cranial breadth 52.5; zygomatic breadth 77; least inter-orbital breadth 19.5 mm.

Both the skull and body measurements are smaller than those recorded by Blanford for Nepal, though this animal appeared to be fully mature. The colouring was as follows:—nose dirty pink; lips and pads liver brown; body and tail dark chestnut brown, the tail being white beneath. There are a few light stripes on the head, and the chin is white. Whiskers white, black basally.

It is almost certain that this is the animal known to the Siamese as the "Seua fai" or Fire-cat. Though few have seen it, it is generally alleged to be very fierce and a match for the tiger.

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No. III. A New Bandicoot from Siam.

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Bandicota mordax, sp. n.

Near *B. nemorivaga* but with large teeth.

Size about as in *B. nemorivaga*, or, since the type is not full grown, perhaps averaging larger. Fur of the posterior back more profusely mixed with long blackish bristles, so that the colour is consequently darker than in *nemorivaga*. and the general appearance is more like that found in the *gigantea* group. Under surface slaty grey, less broadly washed with whitish than in *nemorivaga*. Hands brown with whitish digits, feet wholly brown.

Skull apparently quite as in *nemorivaga*; supraorbital ridges not yet so developed in the type; palatal foramina narrowed posteriorly.

Molars large and heavy, their breadth markedly greater than in the allied species.

Dimensions of the type, measured in the flesh by Mr. Lyle:—Head and body 228 mm.; tail 230; hindfoot 52; ear 31. Skull:—Condylar-incisive length 55.3; zygomatic breadth 30; nasals 21 × 6.8; interorbital breadth 7.4; breadth between ridges on parietals 12.4; palatilar length 30; palatal foramina 11; upper molars series 10.8; breadth of m^1 3.8.

Hab.—Northern Siam. Type from Chiangmai. Alt. 306 m.

Type.—Young adult female. B. M. No. 9.10.11.24. Original number 249. Collected 25th April 1908 and presented by Th. H. Lyle, Esq.

The breadth of the first molar in our considerable series of *B. nemorivaga* never exceeds 3.4 m.