

TWO NEW RACES OF *SCIURUS FINLAYSONI*

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Examination of a series of "white" squirrels from practically the type locality of *Sciurus finlaysoni tachardi* (Robinson),¹ which the collector of the type, Mr. T. H. Lyle, C.M.G., informs me is in North Siam on the Nam Nan, some 30 miles north-east up river from Utaradit, towards the mouth of the Nam Pat, convinces me that at some period, or season, this race assumes a wholly or partial bay pelage. Animals which do not undergo this change must be regarded as distinct subspecies and I recognise the following additional continental forms:—

1. *Sciurus finlaysoni prachin*, subsp. nov.

Sciurus finlaysoni, Kloss, Journ. N. H. S. Siam, II, pp. 16
30 (1916).

Pelage always rich creamy: only the concealed bases of the hairs grey.

Type. Adult male from Krabin, Central Siam, obtained by Messrs. E. G. Herbert and Malcolm Smith's collectors on 11 Nov. 1915. No. 2048/CBK.

Specimens examined. Five from the type locality and one from Chanteuk, Eastern Siam.

For measurements (external dimensions taken by native collector) and further details see reference cited above.

2. *Sciurus finlaysoni rajasima*, subsp. nov.

Sciurus finlaysoni finlaysoni, Kloss, Journ. N.H.S. Siam I, 1915,
p. 225 (Lopburi).

Sciurus finlaysoni, id. op. cit., II, 1916, pp. 83, 87 (Pak Jong).

Sc. finlaysoni tachardi, id. op. cit., III, 1919, pp. 368, 401.
(Lat Bua Kao).

Pelage creamy but with the grey basal portions of the hairs so increased that the general appearance on the upper surface of head, body and limbs is often that of a greyish animal with cream-tipped hairs. *Type.* Adult female from Lat Bua Kao, E. Siam, collected by C. Boden Kloss on 10 October, 1916. No 2132/CBK.

¹ *Callosciurus finlaysoni tachardi* Robinson, Journ. F. M. S. Mus., VII, p. 36 (1916).

Specimens examined. Fifteen from the type locality, one from Pak Jong, E. Siam, and two from Lopburi, Central Siam.

For measurements and further details see references cited above.

The relationships of many Indo-Chinese squirrels are very difficult to trace.

S. f. prachin is only a large mainland form of the little island race *S. f. finlaysoni* which perhaps, through *S. f. rajasima*, is doubly linked up with the small greyish grizzled island animals *S. f. folletti* and *S. f. trotteri* which certainly belong to the species. Through the last of these there may be connection with the large black *S. albivexilli*, with white-tipped tail, of Koh Kut; and thence to the wholly black animals, the large *S. nox* of the mainland and the little *S. germaini* of Pulo Condore. Still further the coloured phase of *tachardi* may show that the *ferrugineus* group of squirrels are only really races of *finlaysoni*.