

P R E F A C E

Volume V. of this Journal will be devoted to the Fauna of South-west and Peninsular Siam. It will give an account, as complete as possible, of the Mammals, Birds, Reptiles and Batrachians of that region. The numbers comprising it will be issued concurrently with the usual publication of the Society, but for the sake of convenience in reference, they will be retained as a separate volume. The account of the Mammals and Birds has been undertaken by Messrs. Robinson and Kloss, that of the Reptiles and Batrachians by Dr. Malcolm Smith.

The region under survey is a long narrow strip of country running due north and south for nearly 500 miles. At its greatest breadth it is barely 100 miles across, at its narrowest it is less than 20. To the north of it lies Siam proper, to the south the Malay Peninsula. Siam, however, with its definite seasons, and annual six months of drought, has a very different climate from that of the Peninsula where the temperature and rainfall hardly vary from month to month. Each country has thus a distinctive fauna of its own, and the transitional area from one to the other occurs in the region which has been defined as South-west and Peninsular Siam.

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