

IV. A NEW PORCUPINE FROM THAILAND*

A new species of mammals is very rare, but yet it is still possible. During her stay at Doi Suthep, Chiangmai, N. Thailand in 1959, BIRGIT DEGERBØL collected one specimens of a small porcupine. The animal is now known as *Atherurus angustiramus*, described in 1964 by ERNA MOHR, who has thoroughly studied the genus.

In the monographic work, the author gives a detail account of the only 6 living species, 3 Africans and 3 Asiatics. Besides the above mentioned new species another new species is recognised from Malaya, *A. retardus*. The map showing the distribution of Asiatic species, (fig. 6) is needed some comments: 16. Trong is actually near locality No. 8; locality No. 17 should read Doi Suthep; 6. Tounggah should be below locality No. 7, right at the knee-bend of the coastline.

At the end of the paper a key is given for identification of 6 species.

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V. TREE FERNS OF THAILAND**

In his study of the 25 Asian mainland tree-ferns the author divided the genus into two subgenera: *CYATHEA* and *SPHAEROPTERIS*, the former is subdivided into 2 sections: *CYATHEA* and *GYMNOSPHAERA*.

In Thailand 6 species are recorded and belonging to both subgenera as follows:—

Subgen. *CYATHEA* Sect. *CYATAEA*: *C. borneensis*, *latebrosa*, and *spinulosa*.

Sect. *GYMNOSPHAERA*: *C. gigantea* and *podophylla*.

Subgen. *SPHAEROPTERIS*: *C. contaminans*.

Keys are given to subgenera, sections and species.

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