

Recent Literature : Herpetology**Bustard, H. Robert 1968**

Temperature Dependent Tail Autotomy Mechanism in Gekkonid Lizards. *Herpetologica* **24** (2) : 127-130.

At low temperatures the Australian lizard *Gehyra variegata* tends to autotomize its entire tail to facilitate escape from predators. At higher temperatures, when the lizard is more active, less of the tail is autotomized.

Campden-Main, Simon M. 1970

The First Record of *Ophisaurus gracilis* (Gray) (Sauria : Anguillidae) in South Vietnam. *Herpetologica* **26** (1) : 17-18.

The first record of this insignificant lizard in South Vietnam.

Johnson, Clifford Ray 1969

Herpetofauna of Okinawa, Ryū Kyū Islands. *Herpetologica* **25** (3) : 206-210.

Pertinent to the student of the Thai herpetofauna are the discussions of *Rana limnocharis*, *Microhyla ornata*, *Hemidactylus frenatus*, and *Typhlops braminus* in this enumeration of an Okinawan collection.

Johnson, Clifford and Lowery, James 1968

Observations on the Breeding Behavior of *Rhacophorus leucomystax* (Kuhl) in the Republic of Viet Nam. *Herpetologica* **24** (4) : 336-338.

Two instances of amplexus are described as well as other data pertinent to the reproduction cycle of this widespread Rhacophorid frog.

Mao, Shou-Hsian 1970

Food of the Common Venomous Snakes of Taiwan. *Herpetologica* **26** (1) : 45-48.

A valuable paper, comprising observations on five species of venomous snake. Paradoxically, *Bungarus multicinctus* is shown to prey on loaches and mud eels; insect and vegetative remains are found in *Naja naja atra*; three Crotalid snakes are seen to thrive on Salientia and Sauria.

Rand, A. Stanley 1968

Desiccation Rates in Crocodile and Iguana Eggs. *Herpetologica* 24 (2) : 178-180.

Observations show tentatively that *Crocodylus acutus* eggs are more resistant to desiccation than are *Iguana iguana* eggs.

Storr, Glen M. 1968

First Australian Record of the Asian Blind-Snake *Typhlops braminus*. *Journ. Herpetology*, 1 Nos. 1-4 : 98.

Establishes the occurrence of *Typhlops braminus* in Australia on the basis of two specimens taken in the vicinity of Darwin, Northern Territory.

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Recent Literature : Ornithology

Abdulali, Humayun 1969

A catalogue of the birds in the Collection of the Bombay Natural History Society. 3. *Journ. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* Vol. 65 (1968), No. 3, : 696-723.

Deals with forms 124-224 in the Synopsis and extralimital material of these and allied forms. The notes on *Spizaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis*, *Haliaeetus albicilla* and *Spilornis elgini* should be noted by those updating their list of Indian forms.