

II. THE WORLD'S SMALLEST MAMMAL

On 22 August 1971 my cat brought in from my garden in Chiang Mai a live specimen of the shrew *Suncus etruscus* (Savi), reputed to be the world's smallest mammal. It died after two days in captivity, possibly from internal injuries. It was apparently full-grown, and had the following measurements: body: 41mm. Tail: 30mm. Hind foot: 8mm. weight (when freshly caught): 2.2gm. The specimen is preserved in formalin in the biology department at Chiang Mai University.

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III. MARBLED CAT IN CHIANG MAI

On 23 February 1971 an undergraduate of Chiang Mai University brought a dead Marbled Cat *Felis marmorata* Martin into the biology department "to see if you could stuff it for me". The cat had obviously been freshly killed. The owner did not know its exact origin, but said he had bought it for 500 Baht (US \$25) from some men who had shot it "near Chiang Mai". The animal was a full-grown male. I took a photograph of it alongside a ruler before the owner removed it to a professional taxidermist. Its approximate measurements (taken from the photograph) are: body: 52.5cm. Tail: 53.5cm. Hind foot: 13cm.

Dr. Boonsong Lekagul tells me that he knows of no recent record from the north of Thailand, the nearest being one obtained in Loei in 1964. Mr. Harold Young of the Chiang Mai Zoo reports the following three records from the 1950's, but none since:

ca 1954: one shot by his son Gordon Young at Ban Huey Kay, Amphoe Fang.

1956: one brought to the zoo from Ban Mae Sow, Amphoe Fang.

1957: one shot on Doi Suthep, just west of Chiang Mai town, by the then US vice-consul.

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