

now be accepted that the Brown Bear has been recorded from Bhutan on one occasion.

EVERGREEN COTTAGE,
SHILLONG 5,
ASSAM,
June 4, 1967.

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3. OCCURRENCE OF THE DESERT CAT, *FELIS* *LIBYCA ORNATA* GRAY NEAR POONA

While engaged in local (40 kilometre radius around Poona) intensive survey programme of the Western Regional Station at Poona, during the year 1966-67, I collected two specimens of the Desert Cat from Shira, near Kamshet (Bombay-Poona Road), on May 22, 1966 and February 12, 1967. It is gathered from the existing records (Ellerman & Morrison-Scott 1951; Prater 1965) that this species is known to occur only in the drier regions of north-western, western and central India, approximately 80° E. in the east and to 22° N. in the south. It has never been reported to occur so far down south as Poona (18° 30' N.).

WESTERN REGIONAL STATION,
ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA,
1182/2, F. C. ROAD,
POONA-5,
August 29, 1967.

B. S. LAMBA

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4. OCCURRENCE OF THE SNOW LEOPARD, *PANTHERA UNCLIA* (SCHREBER), IN BHUTAN

In Ellerman & Morrison-Scott's CHECKLIST OF PALAEARCTIC AND INDIAN MAMMALS the range of the Snow Leopard is given as only Kashmir, as far as the Indian subcontinent is concerned. In Prater's BOOK OF INDIAN ANIMALS it is given as 'In India . . along the whole



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