

XXX.—Description of a new Species of Taphozous from Labuan. By G. E. DOBSON, M.A., M.B., F.L.S., &c.

Taphozous affinis, n. sp.

Ears shorter than the head, inner margin of the ear-conch not papillate; tragus rather short, almost quite circular above, outer surface concave. Lower lip with a deep narrow groove in the centre of its upper surface. Male with a deep gular sac as large as in *T. saccolaimus*; female with a rudimentary sac, the margins of the sac alone developed.

No radio-metacarpal pouch. Wings from the ankles.

Fur above black, the bases of the hairs white; beneath wholly pure silky white, as in *Vesperugo Temminckii*. The integument of the back is white; the antebrachial and inter-femoral membranes, and that portion of the wing-membrane between the humerus and the leg, black; the wing-membrane between the forearm and third finger is white, while that portion between the third and first fingers is black, mottled with white along the third finger; beneath, the wing-membrane is pure white from the sides of the body outwards as far as the third finger, beyond which it is coloured as the corresponding part above.

Measurements of an adult female, the largest of four specimens preserved in alcohol:—length, head and body 3·4 inches; tail 1·1; head 1·15; ear 0·9; tragus 0·25; forearm 2·9; thumb 0·5; second finger—metacarpal 2·8, first phalange 1·2, second phalange 1·2; fourth finger 2·5; tibia 1·0; foot and claws 0·6.

Hab. Labuan. The four specimens referred to above were taken from a hole in a tree in the old forest, Labuan. Type in the collection of the British Museum.

This species resembles *T. saccolaimus* very closely in general structure and size, but may be distinguished by the margins of the gular pouch in the female being alone developed, whereas in *T. saccolaimus* the female has a distinct gular pouch, though smaller than in the male. The colour of the fur is also very different; but this character is too variable in Chiroptera to depend upon alone as a specific difference.



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