Kudremukh National Park (KNP) is one of the less explored mountain ranges of central Western Ghats (Vasudevan et al. 2006). We conducted herpetological surveys for the Karnataka Forest Department from October 2005 to February 2006 in the KNP. On November 27, 2005, at 1600 hrs we came across a single specimen of Calotes sp. moving on the ground in an Areca nut plantation in the Pela village of the Belthangady range of KNP. This plantation is about 100 m from an evergreen forest at 400 m above msl. The specimen was fixed in 70% Ethanol and deposited in the Collections of the Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai (BNHS Regn No. 1778).

The specimen was identified as C. nemoricola Jerdon (Smith 1935). The morphological and meristic data is given in Table 1. The coloration of this specimen was similar to Smith’s description except for the presence of blue colour on the head and maroon colour on the nape. The sex of the specimen was not determined.

*C. nemoricola* is known from Munnar, Nelliampathy, Ponmudi hills and Wayanad in Kerala; Anamalai, Ashambhu, Mudumalai and Nilgiri hills in Tamil Nadu (Gunter 1864; Smith 1935; Whitaker and Das 1990; Tikader and Sharma 1992; Karthikeyan et al. 1993, Bhupathy and Kannan 1997; Thomas et al. 1997; Ishwar 2001; Ishwar et al. 2001). Thus, this new locality information extends the distribution of the species by c. 300 km north. It suggests that the species ranges widely throughout the central and southern Western Ghats.

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