

Family *Tylides*.—*Tylos*, Lat., 12 sp. Family *Syspastidae*.—*Syspastus*, B.-L. (1879), = *Helleria*, Ebner (1868), 1 sp. It has already been intimated that the name *Helleria* must be restored to this genus, Ebner having priority of publication over the other authors who have proposed the same name for different genera.

The total number of species described is 404 or 410, of which 312 or 316 are good species and 92 or 94 are species unknown to the author or reputed species. The total number of genera is 36 or (if some be accounted subgenera) 25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Diagnoses of three new Oriental Mammals.

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1. *Herpestes auropunctatus birmanicus*, var. nov.

Essential characters of *H. auropunctatus*, but hair shorter, colour darker, and size markedly larger. Skull of type 62·7 millim. long and 34 broad, as compared with 59·0 and 30·0 millim. in the type of *H. auropunctatus*; head and body 392 millim.; tail 214; hind foot 55.

Hab. Pegu (*E. Oates*)—*type*. Burma (*R. G. Wardlaw Ramsay*); Dilkoocha, Cachar (*J. Inglis*); Manipur (*A. O. Hume*).

2. *Sciuropterus Davisoni*, sp. n.

Slaty grey above, tipped with orange, pale orange below. Tail brown above, deep orange-rufous below.

Allied to *S. lepidus*, Horsf., and *S. Pearsoni*, Gr., but distinguished from the first by its larger size, much larger and broader ears, and brighter coloration; from the second by its untufted ears; and from both by its differently shaped skull and by the absence in it of the small first upper premolar. Head and body 142 millim.; tail 172; hind foot 36.

Hab. Malacca (*W. Davison*).

3. *Mus Humei*, sp.

Externally similar in almost every respect to *Golunda Elliotti*, Gray, but with the ungrooved incisors and narrow molars of true *Mus*. Front edge of anterior zygoma-root concave, as in *Mastacomys fuscus*, Thos., and some other Australian Muridæ. Head and body 125 millim.; tail 106; hind foot 25·0.

Hab. Moirang, Manipur (*A. O. Hume*).

Figures and full descriptions of these new mammals will shortly be published in the 'Proceedings of the Zoological Society.'



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