

History and catalogue of reptile types in the collection of the Zoological Survey of India

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Abstract

The contents of the reptile type collection of the Zoological Survey of India, headquartered in Calcutta, with several regional stations in the country, which incorporates the holdings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal and the Indian Museum, are listed. The annotated list includes original citations, registration numbers, nature of type and present status of every taxon, with additional remarks where necessary. In all, 556 primary and secondary types are present, including 289 name-bearing types (comprising 27 Chelonii, 152 Sauria and 110 Serpentes). A list of types that were not located, including those erroneously mentioned as being in the collection, is also included.

KEY WORDS: Zoological Survey of India, systematic collection, reptiles, type specimens, type catalogue.

Introduction

Systematic research in zoology in India was unwittingly started by Sir William Jones (1746–1794), the noted Orientalist and Founder, Asiatic Society of Bengal (see Cannon, 1960, for a bibliography). Although Jones was himself averse to the killing of animals (Bose, 1885), large numbers of zoological and palaeontological curiosities from all over the British Indian Empire, and even far beyond, including the Middle East, Africa, North America, central Asia, Sri Lanka, the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago, and eastern China, began to arrive at the Society after about 1828. These were either gifts from the members of the

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Society, or collected by the staff of the Society during the many expeditions to the then poorly explored parts of Asia.

In 1866, with the passing of the Museum Act, this collection was handed over to the Indian Museum (Fermor, 1936). With the establishment of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) in 1916, the zoological collections of the two former institutions were passed on to this organisation (Sewell, 1929; 1932), which is considered the national zoological collection of India. The ZSI, with its headquarters in Calcutta, is the single largest repository of zoological material in the country, and collections cover all areas of the Indian region, with all identified types in each group segregated into separate type collections (Roonwal, 1963). The work of the Survey has centred primarily on alpha systematics and inventories, and much of it has been published in the official organs of the institution, including the *Records*, the *Bulletin*, the *Memoirs*, the *Technical Monographs*, the *Handbook*, the *Fauna of India* series and many others.

Prominent naturalists associated with the Museum of the Asiatic Society, the Indian Museum and the Zoological Survey of India are briefly mentioned here. Sources of additional bibliographic information include Adler (1989), Applegarth (1989) and many cross-references cited therein. A large number of zoological curiosities started arriving in the Museum of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, including the collections by Theodore Edward Cantor (1809–1860) and John MacClelland (1805–1875), by the early part of the 1800s. The Society applied for a grant to the East India Company for a permanent curator (Archer, 1962), and this position was filled by Edward Blyth (1810–1873), in the period 1841–63. Blyth did little field collecting himself, but built up the finest zoological collection in the East by persuading friends, such as Surgeon-Major Thomas Claverhill Jerdon (1811–1872), Dr. Edward Frederick Kelaart (1819–1860), Colonel Arthur Purves Phayre (1812–1885) and Brian Houghton Hodgson (1800–1894) to send him specimens from all over India and occasionally, also from other parts of the British Empire, particularly from what are now Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and Myanmar (Burma). By the time Blyth left, the cabinets of the Museum of the Asiatic Society were overflowing, and it was thought necessary to establish a formal museum, which led to the establishment of the Indian Museum. Its first Superintendent was John Anderson (1833–1900), and during his time, several important expeditions were organised, to what are now Iran and eastern China, besides Anderson's own collections from India, that added much to the collection of the Society. William Thomas Blanford (1832–1905) of the Geological Survey of India, a practising geologist and herpetologist, worked on material collected by himself as well as by others, such as that donated to the Museum by Ferdinand Stoliczka. Blanford was one of the co-founders of the Indian Museum, and was also responsible for the commencement of the *Fauna of British India* series of publications, of which he wrote the first four volumes. William Theobald (1829–1908), also a geologist and herpetologist, also contributed numerous novelties to the collection of the Society's Museum, besides preparing the first catalogue of the reptile collections. Ferdinand Stoliczka (1838–1874), a palaeontologist with the Geological Survey of India, a noted traveller and natural historian, made many important collections of amphibians and reptiles for the Society's museum, and died on the return journey during an expedition to Turkestan, western

China, and was buried in Leh at Ladakh. William Lutley Sclater (1863–1944) revised the catalogue of snakes of the Museum, which had grown significantly since the last stocktaking by Theobald, including many new species. Thomas Nelson Annandale (1876–1924), a distinguished zoologist and anthropologist (and also founder of the Anthropological Survey of India), who joined as Deputy Superintendent of the Indian Museum (1904) and stayed to become Superintendent (1907), and founded the ZSI in 1916. The last worker to be mentioned here is Sunder Lal Hora (1895–1955), Annandale's own student, who succeeded him to the post of Director of the ZSI in 1947. Although best known as an ichthyologist, Hora published several important papers in herpetology, and is perhaps best remembered for his 'Satpura Hypothesis', which attempts to explain the presence of Indo-Malayan plants and animals in the Indian peninsula.

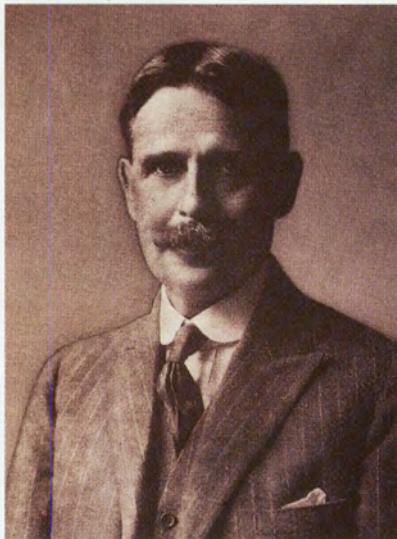
The contents of the reptile type collection of the ZSI had remained unknown to the outside world due to the non-availability of a type catalogue, although the *Fauna of British India* series on reptiles by Smith (1931–43) did list 'Calcutta' as repository of many of the types, and Sclater (1891b) provided a list of snakes then present in the collection (indicating types). Since the writing of the *Fauna* volumes, upheavals of World War II caused serious damage to the collections of the ZSI in general (the collections were moved from Calcutta to Varanasi in 1942, to escape possible bombing; see Chopra, 1946). A cursory examination of the collection, which was submerged during the flooding of the Varuna River in September, 1943 indicated that 'under 20 percent' of the collection was damaged (Chopra, 1946).

This catalogue lists all primary and secondary types registered up to 12 August 1998 in the National Zoological Collection that is maintained by the ZSI in Calcutta. A few reptile types deposited in the regional stations of the ZSI (Jodhpur and Madras [Chennai]) have also been listed here, since they will be amalgamated with the National Zoological Collection in Calcutta in the future. Also included in this list are species described by either employees or members of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Indian Museum or ZSI, whose types are missing, and also those erroneously reported as being in this collection.

For every name-bearing type, we provide the original name (retaining the original orthography), authority (with reference), the registration number and nature of the types, type locality (within quotes, when taken from the original description; without quotes, if this information is based on museum register or other data), the current systematic status (n.b. the genders of species names have not always been amended to match genus names), and where appropriate, additional remarks. Institutional acronyms follow Leviton et al. (1985); those cited in this paper are relisted below. In all, 556 primary and secondary types are represented, including 163 holotypes, 332 syntypes, 50 paratypes, 10 paralectotypes and one lectotype, representing 289 name-bearing taxa (including 27 Testudines, 152 Sauria and 110 Serpentes). Divided taxon-wise, these include 50 types of Chelonii (10 holotypes and 41 syntypes); 389 types of Sauria (84 holotypes, 206 syntypes and 26 paratypes) and 132 types of Serpentes (70 holotypes, 84 syntypes, 24 paratypes, 10 paralectotypes and one lectotype).



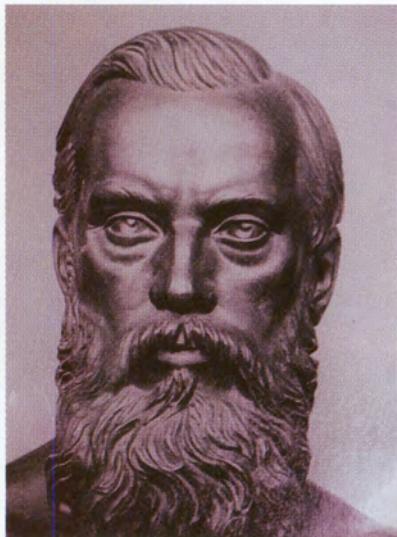
Edward Blyth (1810–1873). Courtesy Widener Library, Harvard University.



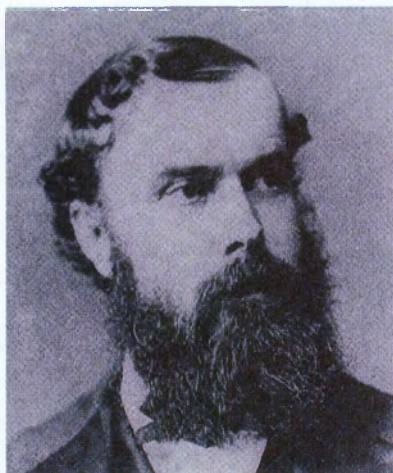
Nelson Annandale (1876–1924). Courtesy Mayr Library, Harvard University.



William Blanford (1832–1905). Courtesy Geological Survey of India.



Ferdinand Stoliczka (1838–1874). Courtesy Geological Survey of India.



William Theobald (1829–1908). Courtesy of Geological Survey of India.



John Anderson (1833–1900). Courtesy of Kraig Adler, *Contributions to the History of Herpetology*.

Institutional collections cited

Acronyms follow Leviton et al. (1985), where available (marked with an asterisk).

Bombay Natural History Society (BNHM*), Hornbill House, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai 400 024, India.

Natural History Museum, London (BMNH*), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, United Kingdom.

National Museum (CMS*), Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

Indian Museum Reptile Registry (IMRR), at present Zoological Survey of India (ZSI); see below.

Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University (MCZ*), Harvard University, 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, USA.

Naturhistorisches Museum (NMW*), Postfach 417, Burgring 1, A-1014 Vienna 1, Austria.

Oxford University Museum (OUM*), Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PS, United Kingdom.

St. John's College, Agra (JC), Agra, India. The collection is now maintained by the Academy of Zoology, Khandari Road, Agra 282 002, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Zoologisches Museum, Berlin (Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; ZMB*), Invalidenstrasse 43, D-10115 Berlin, Germany.

Zoological Survey of India, National Zoological Collection (ZSI*), Fire-Proof Spirit Building, 27, J. L. Nehru Road, Calcutta 700 016, India.

Zoological Survey of India, Desert Regional Station (ZSI Jodhpur), Pataudi House, Paota Lines, Jodhpur 342 006, Rajasthan, India.

Zoological Survey of India, Southern Regional Station (ZSI Chennai), 100, Santhome High Road, Chennai 600 028, Tamil Nadu, India.

Zoological Survey of India (ZSI Dehradun), 13 Subhash Road, Dehradun 248 001, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Zoological Survey Department of Pakistan (ZSP*), Hotel Nazli, Nishtar, Karachi 3, Pakistan.

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CHELONII

Bataguridae

Batagur iravadica Anderson, '1878' 1879.

Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 736.
Type: ZSI 743 (syntype), from 'Pegu' (= Bago, southern Myanmar) or 'Bhamô in Upper Burma' (in Kachin State, northern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Kachuga trivittata* (Duméril & Bibron, 1835).

Remarks: The description was based on more than one example, but the other syntypes cannot be located at present.

Batagur (Morenia) petersi Anderson, '1878'

1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 761.

Types: ZSI 155 and 156 (syntypes), purchased in a 'Calcutta bazaar', the type series originating from 'Huzurapur in the Jessoore District', 'Furreedpore' and 'Dacca' (in Bangladesh).

Current status: *Morenia petersi* (Anderson, '1878' 1879).

Remarks: The description was based on four syntypes, only two of which can be traced at present.

Chaibassia theobaldi Anderson, '1878' 1879.

Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 718.

Types: ZSI 188–189 (syntypes) from 'Bishnath Plain' (= Biswanath Plains, Sonitpur District, Assam, north-eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Melanochelys tricarinata* (Blyth, 1856).

Cyclemys dhor shanensis Annandale, 1918.
Rec. Indian Mus. 14: 67.

Types: ZSI 18593 (syntype), from 'Fort Stedman on the Inlé Lake, altitude 3,000 feet' (in Shan State, northern Myanmar); ZSI 18594 (syntype), from 'He-Ho plain 800 feet higher' (than 3,000 feet) (in Shan State, northern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cyclemys oldhamii* Gray, 1863, vide Fritz et al. (1997).

Emys nuchalis Blyth, 1863. J. Asiatic Soc.

Bengal 32(1): 82.

Types: ZSI 824–826 (syntypes), from 'Java?' (= Java, Indonesia).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Malayemys subtrijuga* (Schlegel & Müller, 1844).

Emys (Pangshura) tectum var. *intermedia* Blanford, 1870. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 39: 339.

Types: ZSI 122–123 (syntypes), from 'Chappa and Korba in Bilaspur, on the Hasdo river' (in Madhya Pradesh State, central India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Kachuga tentoria tentoria* (Gray, 1834).

Emys trijuga var. *Burmana* Anderson, '1878' 1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 723.

Type: ZSI 830 (syntype), from 'Bhamo' (in Kachin State, northern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Melanochelys trijuga edeniana* Anderson in Theobald, 1876.

Remarks: The description was based on several types, including from 'Moulmein' (in Myanmar) and 'Khyouk-Phyoo in Arracan' (= Rakhine, western Myanmar), but these cannot be traced at present.

Emys trijuga var. *coronata* Anderson, '1878' 1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 729.

Type: ZSI 1012 (holotype), from 'Travancore' (in Kerala State, south-western India).

Current status: *Melanochelys trijuga coronata* (Anderson, '1878' 1879).

Emys trijuga var. *madraspatana* Anderson, '1878' 1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 729.

Types: ZSI 831, 1008 and 1009 (syntypes), from 'Madras' (= Chennai, Tamil Nadu State, south-eastern India). It is possible, however that the types originated from Madras Presidency,

then comprising a large portion of southern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Melanochelys trijuga trijuga* (Schweigger, 1814).

Geoemyda depressa Anderson, 1875. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 16: 284.

Type: ZSI 751 (syntype), from 'Arakan' (= Rakhine Yoma, western Myanmar).

Current status: *Geoemyda depressa* Anderson, 1875.

Remarks: Iverson and McCord (1997) reviewed the nomenclatural history of the species, and showed that the type specimens are indeterminate.

Geoemyda indopeninsularis Annandale, 1913a. Rec. Indian Mus. 9: 71.

Type: ZSI 17098 and 17100 (syntypes), from 'Singhbhum district of Chota Nagpur' (in Bihar State, eastern India) and one from 'Dharwar district...southern part of the Bombay Presidency' (in error) (in Karnataka State, south-western India).

Current status: *Melanochelys trijuga indopeninsularis* (Annandale, 1913a).

Geoemyda silvatica Henderson, 1912. Rec. Indian Mus. 7(3): 217.

Type: ZSI 17117 (holotype), from 'Near Kavalai in the Cochin State Forest...at an elevation of about 1500 feet above sea level' (in Kerala State, south-western India).

Current status: *Geoemyda silvatica* Henderson, 1912.

Remarks: Henderson (1912) also examined a juvenile from the same area, but it was not made part of the type series, and no descriptions were provided.

Geoemyda trijuga subsp. *plumbea* Annandale, 1915a. Rec. Indian Mus. 11(1): 192.

Types: ZSI 17712 and 17715 (syntypes), from 'Coorg on the east side of the Western Ghats' (in Karnataka State, south-western India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Melanochelys trijuga trijuga* (Schweigger, 1814).

Geomyda tricarinata Blyth, '1855' 1856. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 24(7): 714.

Type: ZSI 816 (holotype), from 'Central India (Chai'basa)' (in Bihar State, eastern India).

Current status: *Melanochelys tricarinata* (Blyth, '1855' 1856).

Melanochelys edeniana Anderson in Theobald, 1876. Descr. Cat. Rept. British India: 12.

Types: ZSI 1371, 1369, 1010, 1011, 1018, 1097 and 930 (syntypes), from 'Arakan, Pegu, and Tenasserim' (= Rakhine Yoma, Bago and Taninthayi, western and southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Melanochelys trijuga edeniana* Anderson in Theobald, 1876.

Testudinae

Homopus Burnesii Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 642.

Type: ZSI 793 (holotype), from 'Afghanistan'.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Testudo horsfieldii* Gray, 1844.

Testudo baluchiorum Annandale, 1906b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 2(3): 75.

Type: ZSI 11420 (holotype), from 'Baluchistan' (= Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Testudo horsfieldii* Gray, 1844.

Testudo elongata Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 639.

Types: ZSI 796, 798–800 (syntypes), from 'Arakan' (= Rakhine Yoma, western Myanmar).

Current status: *Indotestudo elongata* (Blyth, 1853).

Testudo megalopus Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 640.

Type: ZSI 792 (holotype); type locality not mentioned in the original description; the specimen is registered as being collected from the streets of Calcutta (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Geochelone elegans* (Schoepff, 1794).

Testudo parallelus Annandale, 1913a. Rec.

Indian Mus. 9(1): 76.

Type: ZSI 11379 (holotype), from 'Chaibassa (Singhbhum) district, Chota Nagpur' (in Bihar State, eastern India). Current status: Subjective synonym of *Indotestudo elongata* (Blyth, 1853).

Testudo Phayrei Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 639.

Types: ZSI 813 and 15492 (syntypes), from 'Arakan; Tenasserim Provinces' (= Rakhine and Taninthayi, western and southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Manouria emys phayrei* (Blyth, 1853).

Testudo platynotus Blyth, 1863. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 32(1): 83.

Types: ZSI 787–89 (syntypes), from 'Lower Pegu' (southern Bago, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Geochelone platynota* (Blyth, 1863).

Trionychidae

Emysa granosa intermedia Annandale, 1912a. Rec. Indian Mus. 7: 172.

Types: ZSI 16764–65 (syntypes), from 'Near Purulia, Manbhum Dist.' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Lissemys punctata punctata* (Bonnaterre, 1789).

Trionyx Buchanani Theobald, 1874. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1874: 78

Type: ZSI 1090 (holotype), from 'Bengal' (then comprising Bangladesh, West Bengal State of eastern India, as well as parts of eastern Bihar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Aspideretes hurum* (Gray, 1831).

Trionyx gangeticus mahanadicus Annandale, 1912b. Rec. Indian Mus. 7: 262.

Type: ZSI 17014 (holotype), from 'Cuttack' (in Orissa State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Aspideretes gangeticus* (Cuvier, 1824).

Remarks: Annandale (1912b) examined material from 'Hasdo river (tributary of the upper Mahanadi), Bilaspur district, Central Provinces; Sambalpur and Cuttack, Orissa', although none, except

the holotype, was formally made part of the type series.

Trionyx nigricans Anderson, 1875. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 16: 284.

Types: ZSI 664 and 1898 (syntypes), from 'Chittagong, Bengal' (at present in south-eastern Bangladesh).

Current status: *Aspideretes nigricans* (Anderson, 1875).

Trionyx sulcifrons Annandale, 1915b. Rec. Indian Mus. 11: 341.

Type: ZSI 17973 (holotype), from 'Nagpur..Central Province of India' (in Maharashtra State).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Aspideretes leithii* (Gray, 1872).

Remarks: A second specimen was examined at the Nagpur Museum by Annandale (1915b).

SAURIA

Gekkonidae

Agamura cruralis Blanford, 1874b. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 13: 455.

Types: ZSI 3487 (syntype), Ras Malan, Baluchistan; ZSI 3501 (syntype), Mand, Baluchistan; ZSI 6811 (syntype), Askan, near Bampusht, Baluchistan; ZSI 6812 (syntype), Zamoran, Nihing R., Baluchistan. The original description gives the type locality as 'Gedrosia' (=Balochistan), restricted to 'Bahu Kalat and Askan, Baluchistan' (= Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan), by Smith (1935: 61).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Agamura persica* Duméril, 1856.

Remarks: An additional syntype is in the MCZ (Constable, 1949).

Alsophylax himalayensis Annandale, 1913c. Rec. Indian Mus. 9: 305.

Type: ZSI 17195 (holotype), from 'Dharmapur, Simla dist., Western Himalayas; alt. ca. 4500 ft.' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cyrtopodion lawderanus* (Stoliczka, 1870).

Bunopus tuberculatus Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 13: 454.

Types: ZSI 3428, 3429, 3431, all from Baluchistan (= Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan); ZSI 3432, from Bahukelat, Baluchistan; ZSI 3434, from Nigau, Nurmarsh, S. E. Persia; ZSI 3436, from Bampur, Baluchistan; ZSI 3437, Persian Gulf; ZSI 3458, 5271, from Bahu Kalat, Baluchistan; ZSI 3459, from Isfandak, Baluchistan; ZSI 5273–77, from Pishin, Baluchistan; ZSI 5278, from Mand, Baluchistan; ZSI 5279–80, from Pishin, Baluchistan. The original description gave the type locality as 'Gedrosia Persique' (in Baluchistan, north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Bunopus tuberculatus* Blanford, 1874a.

Remarks: A syntype is in the MCZ (Constable, 1949).

Cnemaspis affinis Stoliczka, 1870a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 105.

Type: ZSI 5964 (holotype), from 'Penang' (= Pulau Penang, West Malaysia).

Current status: *Cnemaspis affinis* Stoliczka, 1870.

Cnemaspis goaensis Sharma, 1976b. Rec. Zool. Surv. India 71: 152.

Types: ZSI 22100 (holotype), ZSI 22213–22216 (paratypes), from 'ca. 3 km S. of Forest Rest House, Canacona (Poinguim), Goa' (in western India).

Current status: *Cnemaspis goaensis* Sharma, 1976b.

Cyrtodactylus adleri Das, 1997a. J. Herpetol. 31(3): 376.

Types: ZSI 25057 (holotype); ZSI 25058 (paratype), from '1 km E Galathea River mouth, Great Nicobar Island (= Sambelong), India'; ZSI 25059 (paratype), from 'Galathea National Park, Great Nicobar Island, India'; ZSI 25060 (paratype), from 'Shompen Hut, Great Nicobar Island, India'; ZSI 25061 (paratype), from 'circa two km E Kopen Heat (= Dakoank), Great Nicobar Island, India'; ZSI 23398, from 'Magar Nullah, 3 km W Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar, India'; ZSI 25117 (paratype), from 'Great Nicobar, India'. All localities lie around coordinates 06° 48'N; 93° 51'E.

Current status: *Cyrtodactylus adleri* Das, 1997a.

Cyrtodactylus macularius Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23: 737.

Type: ZSI 6224 (holotype), from 'Punjab Salt Range' (in eastern Pakistan).

Current status: *Eublepharis macularius* (Blyth, 1854).

Cyrtodactylus madarensis Sharma, 1980. Bull. Zool. Surv. India 3(1 & 2): 111.

Type: ZSI Jodhpur V/1215 (holotype), from 'near Madar T.B. Sanatorium c. 263 n. N.W. of Ajmer (Rajasthan, India), Alt. 263 m.'

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eublepharis macularius* (Blyth, 1854), according to Das (1992).

Cyrtodactylus Yarkandensis Anderson, 1872. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 381.

Type: ZSI 3792 (syntype), from 'Yarkand' (= Shache, southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China).

Current status: *Tenuidactylus yarkandensis* (Anderson, 1872).

Remarks: Blanford (1878) stated that the types were most probably collected at Ladak (in Jammu and Kashmir State, northern India). Khan (1994) revived *Cyrtodactylus yarkandensis* Anderson, 1872 from the synonymy of *Gymnodactylus stoliczkai* Steindachner, 1869. A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Doryura guadama Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 30.

Type: ZSI 5907 (holotype), from 'Tonghu (valle Sittangensi)' (= Taungoo, Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus garnotii* Duméril & Bibron, 1836.

Gehyra beebei Annandale, 1913c. Rec. Indian Mus. 9: 306.

Type: ZSI 17402 (holotype), from 'Kapit, Sarawak, Borneo' (in East Malaysia).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Gehyra mutilata* (Wiegmann, 1834).

Gonatodes andersonii Annandale, 1904a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 73(2): 21.

Type: ZSI 15012 (holotype), from

'Narcondum' (in the Andamans Archipelago, Bay of Bengal, India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cnemaspis kandianus* (Kelaart, 1852).

Gonatodes bireticulatus Annandale, 1915b.
Rec. Indian Mus. 11: 344.
Type: ZSI 17970 (holotype), from 'Kavalai, 1300–3000 feet, Cochin State' (in Kerala State, south-western India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cnemaspis sisparensis* Theobald, 1876.

Gymnodactylus Beddomei Theobald, 1876.
Descr. Cat. Rept. British India: 88.
Type: ZSI 5859 (syntype), from 'South Tinnevelly and Travancor hills 3–5000 feet' (= Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu State and Travancore in Kerala State, both in south-western India).
Current status: *Cnemaspis beddomei* (Theobald, 1876).
Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Gymnodactylus brevipes Blanford, 1874b.
Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 13: 453.
Type: ZSI 3465 (holotype), from 'Gedrosia (Baluchistán)' (in north-western Pakistan).
Current status: *Mediodactylus brevipes* (Blanford, 1874b), according to Kluge (1993). Szczerbak and Golubev (1986) synonymised it under *Tenuidactylus kachhensis* (Stoliczka, 1872), while commenting that the holotype of *G. brevipes* shows characters intermediate between *T. kachhensis* (Stoliczka, 1872) and *T. scaber* (Heyden, 1827).

Gymnodactylus chitralensis Smith, 1935.
Fauna British India 2: 46, Pl. I.
Type: ZSI 20121 (syntype), from 'Karakal, in the Bumhoet Valley' (in Jammu and Kashmir State, northern India).
Current status: *Cyrtodactylus chitralensis* (Smith, 1935).
Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Gymnodactylus consobrinoides Annandale, 1905b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(3): 82.
Type: ZSI 12741 (holotype), from 'Tavoy' (= Dawei, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Cyrtodactylus consobrinoides* (Annandale, 1905b).

Gymnodactylus elongatus Blanford, 1875a.
Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(8): 201.
Types: ZSI 4208 (syntype); ZSI 5848–49; 5851 (syntypes), from 'Eastern Turkestan around Yárcand' (= Sache, southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China). The intended formal description of Blanford ('1875' 1876) gave the type locality as 'Yanghissar, Eastern Turkestán'.
Current status: *Cyrtopodion elongatus* (Blanford, 1875).
Remarks: For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998a). The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Gymnodactylus gubernatoris Annandale, 1913c. Rec. Indian Mus. 9: 316.
Types: ZSI 17275 (holotype); ZSI 17276 (paratype), from 'Sikhim Himalayas (Darjiling)' (= Darjiling, West Bengal State, eastern India).
Current status: *Cyrtodactylus gubernatoris* (Annandale, 1913c).

Gymnodactylus himalayicus Annandale, 1906c. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 2(7): 287.
Type: ZSI 15716 (holotype), from 'Kurseong (5,000 ft.)' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cyrtodactylus khasiensis* Jerdon, 1870.

Gymnodactylus Humei Theobald, 1876.
Descr. Cat. Rept. British India: 89.
Type: ZSI 5971 (holotype), from 'Kandy' (in the Central Province, Sri Lanka).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cnemaspis kandiana* Kelaart, 1852.

Gymnodactylus Jerdonii Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 31.
Types: ZSI 6179–80 (syntypes); type locality not mentioned in the original description.
Current status: *Cnemaspis jerdonii* (Theobald, 1868).

Gymnodactylus Kachhensis Stoliczka, 1872a.
Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(5): 79.

Type: ZSI 5162 (syntype), from 'Kachh' (= Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat State, western India).

Current status: *Cyrtopodion kachhensis* (Stoliczka, 1872a).

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the NMW.

Gymnodactylus Lawderanus Stoliczka, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 194.

Type: ZSI 5890 (holotype), from 'Kumaon' (in Uttar Pradesh State, northern India). However, the intended formal description, Stoliczka (1872) gave the type locality as 'the neighbourhood of Almorah'.

Current status: *Cyrtopodion lawderanus* (Stoliczka, 1871b).

Remarks: For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998a).

Gymnodactylus lunatus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23: 210.

Type: ZSI 6222 (formerly 656 ASB) (holotype), from Chaibassa (in southern Bihar State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eublepharis hardwickii* Hardwicke & Gray, 1827.

Remarks: Smith (1935) attributes the name *Gymnodactylus lunatus* to Blyth in Cantor (1847). However, page 633 carries no description of the taxon (whose provenance is mentioned as 'Midnapore' and 'Chyebassa') is thus a nomen nudum, and the first description appears in Blyth (1854).

Gymnodactylus microtis Blanford, 1875a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(8): 201.

Types: ZSI 3706, 3708, 3711–23 (syntypes), Yarkand; ZSI 3804–05, 3809–10, 3807 (syntypes), Yangihissar, E. Turkestan; ZSI 3724–33, 3735–36, 3738–47, 3749–52, 3758–61 (syntypes), Kashgar; ZSI 4449 (syntype), Eastern

Turkestan. The type locality was given as 'Eastern Turkestán around Yárkand' (= Shache, in southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China) in Blanford (1875a) and 'Eastern Turkestán around Yárkand' in Blanford ('1875' 1876).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Alsophylax przewalskii* Strauch, 1887

Remarks: In addition to the material listed, ZSI 3754–55 sent in exchange to a Dr. A. Stanley on 27.3.1918; ZSI 3737, 3756, 3763 and 3765 sent to BMNH; ZSI 3734 and 3748 sent to SJC. All these are syntypes. For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998b). The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Gymnodactylus montium-salsorum Annandale, 1913d. Rec. Indian Mus. 9: 313.

Types: ZSI 6164 (holotype) and ZSI 6181 (paratype) (originally IMRR 6181–6185), from 'Salt Range, Punjab' (in eastern Pakistan).

Current status *Cyrtopodion montium-salsorum* (Annandale, 1913d).

Remarks: An additional paratype is in the BMNH. Allocated to the genus *Tenuidactylus* by Khan (1989).

Gymnodactylus oldhami Theobald, 1876. Descr. Cat. Rept. British India : 81.

Type: ZSI 5858 (holotype); type locality unknown.

Current status: *Cyrtodactylus oldhami* (Theobald, 1876).

Gymnodactylus Wicksii Stoliczka, 1873b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 42(3): 165.

Types: ZSI 5866–68 (syntypes), from 'Preparis Island' (in the Andaman Archipelago, Bay of Bengal, Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cnemaspis kandiana* (Kelaart, 1852).

Remarks: The description was based on five syntypes. Two of the syntypes have not been traced.

Gymnodactylus yakhuna var. *zonatus* Deraniyagala, 1945. Spolia Zeylanica 24(2): 100.

Type: ZSI 20469 (syntype), from 'Kâlivila in the North-Western Province' (in Sri Lanka).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Geckoella yakhuna* (Deraniyagala, 1945).

Remarks: The location of additional syntypes is unknown.

Hemidactylus albofasciatus Grandison & Soman, 1963. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 60(2): 322.

Types: ZSI 21109–12 (paratypes), from 'Dorle village, Rajapur Taluka, Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra...Dabhil village, Taluka and District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra...Gavkhadi village, Rajapur Taluka, Ratnagiri District.' (in western India).

Current status: *Teratolepis albofasciatus* (Grandison & Soman, 1963).

Remarks: Additional types are in the BMNH and FMNH.

Hemidactylus Bengaliensis Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal ser. 2 40(1): 14.

Type: ZSI 5780 (syntype), from 'Bengal' (then comprising Bangladesh, West Bengal State of eastern India, as well as parts of eastern Bihar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus flaviviridis* Rüppell, 1835.

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Hemidactylus giganteus Stoliczka, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 193.

Types: ZSI 2604–5 (syntypes), from 'Godávári valley near Bhadrachalam' (in Andhra Pradesh, south-eastern India).

Current status: *Hemidactylus giganteus* Stoliczka, 1871.

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the NMW and possibly BMNH.

Hemidactylus gracilis Blanford, 1870. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 39(4): 362.

Types: ZSI 5190; 17020 (syntypes), from 'S.E. Berár' (in Madhya Pradesh, central India).

Current status: *Hemidactylus gracilis* Blanford, 1870.

Remarks: An additional syntype is in the BMNH.

Hemidactylus kelaartii Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 29.

Types: ZSI 2617–18 (syntypes), from 'Ceylon' (= Sri Lanka).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus leschenaultii* Duméril & Bibron, 1836.

Remarks: A third syntype is missing.

Hemidactylus (Doryura) mandelianus Stoliczka, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 193.

Types: ZSI 5983–4 (syntypes), from 'Pankabari, just above the Sikkim Terai' and 'Rungnu and Tistá valleys...between 1,000 and 3,000 feet' (in Sikkim State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus garnotii* Duméril & Bibron, 1836.

Hemidactylus marmoratus Blanford, 1870. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 39: 363.

Type: ZSI 5058 (holotype), from 'S. E. Berár, near Chánda' (in Madhya Pradesh, central India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus leschenaulti* Duméril & Bibron, 1836.

Hemidactylus Mortoni Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 32.

Type: ZSI 5906 (holotype), from 'Taikgyie, north of Rangoon' (= Taikkyi, north of Yangon, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus garnotii* Duméril & Bibron, 1836.

Hemidactylus nepalensis Annandale, 1907.

Rec. Indian Mus. 1: 151.

Type: ZSI 15779 (holotype), from 'Katmandu, Nepal @ altitude 4,500 feet' (= Kathmandu, central Nepal).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cosymbotus platyurus* Schneider, 1792.

Hemidactylus persicus Anderson, 1872. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 378.

Type: ZSI 5961 (holotype), from 'Persia' (= Iran). The register lists the type as from 'Shiraz, Persia'.

Current status: *Hemidactylus persicus* Anderson, 1872.

Hemidactylus platyceps Annandale, 1912c.

Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 56.

Type: ZSI 17020 (holotype), from 'Bilimora, Bombay Presidency' (in Maharashtra State, western India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus gracilis* Blanford, 1870.

Hemidactylus porbandarensis Sharma, 1981.
 Bull. Zool. Surv. India 4(1): 1.
 Types: ZSID V/2152 (holotype), ZSID V/2125 (paratypes), from 'Port area, Porbandar, Junagadh District, Gujarat' (in western India).
 Current status: *Hemidactylus porbandarensis* Sharma, 1981.

Hemidactylus prashadi Smith, 1935. Fauna British India 2: 92.
 Type: ZSI 20129 (syntype), from 'neighbourhood of Jog, N. Kanara district, Bombay Presidency' (at present in Karnataka State, south-western India).

Current status: *Hemidactylus prashadi* Smith, 1935.

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the BMNH.

Hemidactylus subtriedrooides Annandale, 1905e. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 7 15: 29.

Type: ZSI 4135 (syntype), from 'Tsagain, Upper Burma' (= Sagain Division, northern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus brookii* Gray, 1845.

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Homonota fasciata Blyth in Jerdon, '1853' 1854a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(5): 468.
 Type: Type locality is not given in the original description. ZSI 5981 is registered as a holotype, although BMNH 69.8.28.32 from Sind (in eastern Pakistan) is also registered as a possible type. Smith (1935) mentioned that the type was in Calcutta (= IMMR; now ZSI).

Current status: *Teratolepis fasciata* (Blyth in Jerdon, '1853' 1854).

Leiurus Berdmorei Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 646.

Type: ZSI 6173 (holotype), from 'Mergui' (= Myeik or Beik, southern Myanmar).
 Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus bowringii* (Gray, 1845).

Remarks: The holotype of *Leiurus Berdmorei* Blyth, 1853, declared lost by Smith (1935), was reported present in

the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1998).

Naultinus (?) fasciolatus Blyth, 1860. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29(1): 114.

Types: ZSI 6189–90 (syntypes); type locality not mentioned in the original description, reported to be 'Subathu, Simla dist.' (in Himachal Pradesh, northern India) by Smith (1935: 45).
 Current status: *Cyrtodactylus fasciolatus* (Blyth, 1860).

Naultinus variegatus Blyth, 1859. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 28(3): 279.

Type: ZSI 6188 (holotype), from 'mountains of the interior, from Moulmein, Burma' (= Mawlamyine, southern Myanmar) (Blyth, 1859: 275)

Current status: *Cyrtodactylus variegatus* (Blyth, 1859).

Nycteridium Himalayanum Anderson, 1871. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 40(1): 15.

Type: ZSI 6083 (holotype) from 'Darjeeling; 3,000 feet' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cosymbotus platyrurus* (Schneider, 1792).

Remarks: Not included in the synonymy in Smith (1935).

Pentadactylus Khasiensis Jerdon, 1870. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(3): 75.

Types: ZSI 6197 and 6199 (syntypes), from 'Khasi hills' (in Meghalaya State, north-eastern India).

Current status: *Cyrtodactylus khasiensis* (Jerdon, 1870).

Phelsuma andamanense Blyth, 1860. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29: 108.

Type: ZSI 6177 (holotype), from 'Andamáns' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Phelsuma andamanense* Blyth, 1860.

Ptychozoon homalocephalum Var. *lionatum* Annandale, 1905e. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 7 15: 31.

Types: ZSI 2601–02 (syntypes), from 'Pegu' (= Bago, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Ptychozoon lionotum* Annandale, 1905e.

Ptyodactylus homolepis Blanford, 1876. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 45(1): 19.

Types: ZSI 5620 (holotype), from 'near the Maki Nai in the lower portion of the Kirthar range, which abounds the province of Sind on the west' (in eastern Pakistan). The catalogue lists the specimen as from 'Hills of Mehar, Sind'. Current status: *Ptyodactylus homolepis* Blanford, 1876.

Remarks: Paratypes are in the BMNH and ZMB.

Puellula rubida Blyth, 1860. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29: 109.

Types: ZSI 6208–10 (syntypes), from 'Andamáns' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Cyrtodactylus rubidus* (Blyth, 1860):

Stenodactylus maynardi Smith, 1933. Rec. Indian Mus. 35(1): 18.

Type: ZSI 13944 (syntype), from 'Baluchistan near the Afghanistan frontier' (in north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Crossobamon eversmanni maynardi* (Smith, 1933).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Stenodactylus orientalis Blanford, '1875' 1876. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(9): 191.

Types: ZSI 5589 (syntype), from 'hills west of Shikárpúr district' (in central Pakistan). In the register, listed as 'Hill of Larkana, Sind' (= Sindh Province, southern Pakistan).

Current status: *Crossobamon orientalis* (Blanford, 1876).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH. For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998a).

Teratolepis scabriceps Annandale, 1906a. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(1): 187.

Type: ZSI 15353 (syntype), from 'Rámanád' (= Ramnad, Tamil Nadu State, southern India).

Current status: *Hemidactylus scabriceps* (Annandale, 1906a).

Remarks: An additional syntype is in the BMNH.

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Acanthosaura kumaonensis Annandale, 1907. Rec. Indian Mus. 1: 152.

Types: ZSI 13223 (syntype), Mussorie; ZSI 15755 (syntype), Nainital. The original description gives the type locality as 'Naini Tal and Mussoorie' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: *Japalura kumaonensis* (Annandale, 1907).

Bronchocela burmana Blanford, 1878a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1878(6): 141.

Type: ZSI 5337 (holotype), from '..near Tavoy'. The intended formal description (Blanford, 1878b) gave the type locality as 'Tavoy in Tenasserim' (= Dawei, Taninthayi Division, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Bronchocela cristatellus* (Kuhl, 1820).

Remarks: For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998a).

Bronchocela indica Theobald, 1876. Descr. Cat. Rept. British India: 105.

Types: ZSI 4325 and 4328 (syntypes), from 'Southern India'.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Calotes ellioti* (Günther, 1864).

Calotes bhutanensis Biswas, '1975' 1976. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 72(3): 775.

Type: ZSI 22480 (holotype), from 'Janjurmane (c. 1525 m), Central Bhutan'.

Current status: *Calotes bhutanensis* Biswas, '1975' 1976.

Calotes danieli Tiwari & Biswas, 1973. J. Zool. Soc. India 25(1 & 2): 57.

Type: ZSI 22455 (holotype), from 'Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Bronchocela danieli* (Tiwari & Biswas, 1973).

Calotes ellioti amarambalamensis Murthy, 1978. Indian J. Zootomy 19(2): 79.

Type: ZSI Madras 159 (holotype), from 'Meenmutty (123M), New Amarambalam Reserve Forest, Kerala' (in south-western India).

Current status: *Calotes ellioti amarambalamensis* Murthy, 1978.

Remarks: *elliotti* has been misspelt *elliotti* in the description of the new subspecies.

Calotes nemoricola Jerdon, '1853' 1854a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(2): 471.

Type: ZSI 6560 (holotype), from 'Coonoor ghât of the Nilgiris' (in Tamil Nadu State, south-western India).

Current status: *Calotes nemoricola* Jerdon. 1853a.

Calotes tricarinatus Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 650.

Type: ZSI 5300 (holotype) from 'near Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Japalura tricarinatus* (Blyth, 1853).

Calotes yunnanensis Annandale, 1905b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 1(3): 87.

Type: ZSI 6571 (holotype), from 'Yunnan' (in southern China), restricted by Smith (1935) to 'Teng-Yueh' (= Momien, Tengchong County, Yunnan Province, southern China).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Calotes jerdonii* Günther, 1870.

Charasia Blanfordana Stoliczka, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 194.

Types: ZSI 6592–93, 6595–97 (syntypes), Chanda; ZSI 6604 (syntype), Udaypore, W of Chotanagpur; ZSI 6609, ZSI 6611 (syntypes), West of Raipore; ZSI 6612–13 (syntypes), West of Ranchi. The original description does not provide a type locality; the intended formal description (Stoliczka, 1872d) gave the type locality as 'Central India'.

Current status: *Psammophilus blanfordianus* (Stoliczka, 1871b).

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the NMW and ZMB.

Draco major Blanford, 1878b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1878(6): 141.

Types: ZSI 6243–44 (syntypes), from '..near Tavoy.' (= Dawei, southern Myanmar), according to the original description of Blanford (1878a). The intended formal description gave the type locality as 'forest east of Tavoy' including 'from the foot of Nawlabû hill,

a high ridge some eight miles east from Tavoy town' (Blanford, 1878b).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Draco blanfordii* Boulenger, 1885.

Remarks: For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998a).

Draco norvillii Alcock, 1895. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 64(1): 14.

Type: ZSI 13767 (holotype), from 'Assam' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India), restricted to Dum Doma, N.E. Assam by Smith (1935:142).

Current status: Treated as a subspecies of *Draco blanfordii* Boulenger, 1885 by Smith (1935).

Japalura andersoniana Annandale, 1905b. J. & Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(3): 85.

Types: ZSI 4104 (syntype), from 'Duffla Hills (Assam-Bhutan Frontier)' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India), although the register gives a more precise locality: 'Dikrang Valley'. ZSI 15755 (from 'Nainital, 6,600 ft.') is also listed as a type.

Current status: *Japalura andersoniana* Annandale, 1905b.

Remarks: An additional syntype is in the BMNH.

Japalura bengalensis Annandale, 1912c. Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 57.

Type: ZSI 12564 (holotype), from 'Buxa, Jalpaiguri district, Bengal frontier of Bhutan' (at the border of West Bengal State, eastern India and Bhutan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Japalura variegata* Gray, 1853.

Otocryptis beddomii Boulenger, 1885. Cat. Lizards British Mus. 1: 272.

Type: ZSI 15733 (syntype), from 'Sivagherry Ghâf' (in Tamil Nadu State, south-western India).

Current status: *Otocryptis beddomii* Boulenger, 1885.

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the BMNH.

Phrynocephalus axillaris Blanford, 1875a.

Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(8): 201.

Kokrohat, near Yarkand; ZSI 3620, 3622–23, 3625 (syntypes), Yarkand; ZSI 3626–38 (syntypes), Yangihissar, E. Turkestan; ZSI 3832–34 (syntypes), Kizil; ZSI 4839–40 (syntypes), South of Yarkand. The type locality was given as 'Eastern Turkestán around Yárkand' (= Shache, southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China) in Blanford (1875a) and 'Eastern Turkestán, in the plains' in Blanford ('1875' 1876).

Current status: *Phrynocephalus axillaris* Blanford, 1875a.

Remarks: The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Phrynocephalus euptilopus Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897. *J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* 65(4): 556.

Types: ZSI 14070 and 14072 (syntypes), from 'near Darband, elevation 3000 feet' (in Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Phrynocephalus euptilopus* Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897.

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the MCZ and BMNH.

Phrynocephalus forsythii Anderson, 1872. *Proc. Zool. Soc. London* 1872: 390.

Types: ZSI 5167–68 (syntypes), Yarkand and Sinkol; ZSI 5181 (syntype), Yarkand. The original description gave the type locality as 'Yarkand' (= Shache, southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China).

Current status: *Phrynocephalus forsythii* Anderson, 1872.

Remarks: In addition, the following specimens from Yarkand were given to a Dr. A. Stanley in exchange: IMRR 5163 and 5180.

Phrynocephalus laungwalensis Sharma, 1978. *Bull. Zool. Surv. India* 1(3): 291.

Types: ZSI 23452 (holotype), from 'Laungwala, Alt. 149.96 m.; lat. 26° 46'N; long. 70° 13'E' (in Rajasthan State, western India); ZSI 23453–61 (paratypes). The two localities from where the paratypes were collected were 'Sam village, Alt. 176.78 m.; lat. 26° 50'N; long. 70° 30'E' and 'Lunar village

(near Dhanana), Alt. 139.29 m.; lat. 26° 35'; long. 70° 10'E'.

Current status: *Bufo* *niceps laungwalensis* (Sharma, 1978).

Remarks: Type species of the genus *Bufo* *niceps* Arnold, 1992.

Phrynocephalus maculatus Anderson, 1872. *Proc. Zool. Soc. London* 1872: 389.

Type: ZSI 4825 (holotype), from 'Awada, Shiraz, Persia' (= Iran).

Current status: *Phrynocephalus maculatus* Anderson, 1872.

Phrynocephalus theobaldi Blyth, 1863. *Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* 32(1): 90.

Types: ZSI 5391–93 (syntypes), from 'along lake Chomoriri' (in Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir State, northern India).

Current status: *Phrynocephalus theobaldi* Blyth, 1863.

Salea austeniana Annandale, 1908. *Rec. Indian Mus.* 2(1): 37.

Type: ZSI 3976 (holotype), from 'Hills near Harmatti' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India).

Current status: *Mictopholis austeniana* (Annandale, 1908).

Sitana deccanensis Jerdon, 1870. *Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* 1870(3): 76.

Types: ZSI 5051–55 (syntypes), S.E. Berar & Chanda, according to the register. In the original description, the type locality is given as 'Deccan' (in central peninsular India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Sitana ponticeriana* Cuvier, 1829.

Remarks: Smith (1935) reported the types of *Sitana deccanensis* Jerdon, 1870, as lost.

Stellio Agrorensis Stoliczka, 1872c. *J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal* 1872: 128.

Type: ZSI 4206 (syntype), from 'Sussel Pass at the entrance into the Agror Valley, about 6,000 feet high' (in Punjab, northern Pakistan).

Current status: *Laudakia agrorensis* (Stoliczka, 1872c).

Remarks: Additional syntypes are at the NMW and BMNH.

Stellio Dayanus Stoliczka, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 194.

Type: ZSI 6780 (syntype), from 'Hardwar' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: *Laudakia dayana* (Stoliczka, 1871b).

Remarks: Baig and Böhme (1997) revived the species from the synonymy of *Laudakia tuberculata* (Hardwicke & Gray, 1827). A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Stellio indicus Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 646.

Types: ZSI 6826 and 6831 (syntypes), from Kashmir and Mirzapore, U.P. The original description gives the type localities as 'Mirzapore' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India) and 'Wuzeerabad' (in North-West Frontier Province, northern Pakistan). There were three examples in the type series; the fate of the third syntype is unknown.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Laudakia tuberculata* (Gray, 1827).

Remarks: The location of types was not mentioned by Smith (1935), who gave the type locality as 'Upper Hindustan'.

Stellio liratus Blanford, 1874b. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 13: 453.

Type: 3410 (holotype), from 'Gedrosia (Baluchistán)' (in north-western Pakistan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Laudakia melanura* (Blyth, 1854).

Stellio nuptus var. *fuscus* Blanford, 1876c. Eastern Persia: Zool. & Geol. 2: 319.

Type: ZSI 6798 (syntype), from 'Sib near Dizak, in Balúchistán' (in north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Laudakia nuptus fuscus* (Blanford, 1876c).

Remarks: MCZ 7220 is the second syntype (formerly IMRR 6797) of *Stellio nuptus* var. *fuscus* Blanford, 1876.

Stellio persicus Anderson, 1872. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 382.

Type: ZSI 4830 (holotype), from 'Tehran, Persia' (= Teheran, Iran).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Laudakia caucasica* Eichwald, 1831.

Remarks: Smith (1935) reported the type of *Stellio persica* Anderson, 1872 as lost.

Stellio Stoliczkanus Blanford, 1875a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(8): 201.

Types: ZSI 3813–15 (syntypes), Yangihissan ZSI 4205 (syntype), Plains of Eastern Turkestan. The type locality was given as 'Eastern Turkestán around Yárcand' (= southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China) in Blanford (1875a) and 'Plains of Eastern Turkestán' in Blanford ('1875' 1876).

Current status: *Stellio stoliczkanus* Blanford, 1875.

Remarks: The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Tiaris Humei Stoliczka, 1873a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 42(3): 167.

Type: ZSI 5041 (syntype), from 'Nicobar island of Tillingchang' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Coryphophylax subcristatus* (Blyth, 1860).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Tiaris subcristata Blyth, 1860. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29: 23.

Types: ZSI 5191–92 (syntypes), without history; ZSI 5369–70 (syntypes), from Andamans; and ZSI 5199–202 (syntypes) from Andamans, are considered to be the specimens. ZSI 5191 is at present untraceable. The original description mentioned that the species was reportedly 'common at Port Blair' (in the Andaman Islands, Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Coryphophylax subcristatus* (Blyth, 1860).

Remarks: Smith (1935) reported the types as lost.

Trapelus rubrigularis Blanford, 1876b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 45(1): 22.

Type: ZSI 5043 (syntype), from 'base of the Kirthar hills in western Sind' (in eastern Pakistan).

Current status: *Trapelus rubrigularis* Blanford, 1876b.

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the BMNH, NMW and ZMB.

Chamaeleonidae

Chamaeleo verrucosus Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 646.

Type: ZSI 6839 (holotype); the type locality is not mentioned.

Current status: Apparently a member of the genus *Calumma*, a group of chamaeleonids restricted to the humid forests of eastern and northern Madagascar (see Glaw and Vences, 1994).

Remarks: *Chamaeleo verrucosus* Blyth, 1853 is a homonym of *Chamaeleo verrucosus* Cuvier, 1829 (= *Furcifer verrucosus*).

Scincidae

Aspis Berdmorei Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 651.

Types: ZSI 2270–72 (syntypes), from 'Mergui' (Myeik or Beik, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Tropidophorus berdmorei* (Blyth, 1853).

Barkudia insularis Annandale, 1917. Rec. Indian Mus. 13(1): 20.

Type: ZSI 18075 (holotype), from 'Barkuda Island, Chilka Lake, Ganjam district, Madras Presidency' (at present in Orissa State, eastern India).

Current status: *Barkudia insularis* Annandale, 1917.

Remarks: Reported lost (footnote in Ganapati and Rajyalakshmi, 1955; Biswas and Acharjo, '1979' 1980), but found in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Blepharosteres agilis Stoliczka, 1872c. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(7): 126.

Type: ZSI 5407 (syntype), from 'S. W. of Kálábágh' (in North-West Frontier Province, northern Pakistan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ablepharus pannonicus* Fitzinger in Lichtenstein, 1823.

Remarks: A second syntype is in the NMW.

Blepharosteres Grayanus Stoliczka, 1872a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(5): 74.

Type: ZSI 5403 (syntype), from 'Waggur district, in the North-eastern part of Kachh' (in Gujarat State, western India).

Current status: *Ablepharus grayanus* (Stoliczka, 1872a).

Remarks: A second syntype is at NMW.

Dasia nicobarensis Biswas & Sanyal, 1977. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 74(1): 133.

Types: ZSI 23211 (holotype), from 'Coconut grove, about 2 km S.W. of Teetop Guest House, Car Nicobar' (in the Bay of Bengal, India); ZSI 23212 (paratype), from 'Circuit House, Malacea (= Malacca), Car Nicobar' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Dasia nicobarensis* Biswas & Sanyal, 1977.

Eumece s poonaensis Sharma, 1970. Rec. Zool. Surv. India 62(3 & 4): 239.

Type: ZSI 21159 (holotype), from 'Kátrajghat c. 27 km. south of Poona (Maharashtra, India), alt. c. 564 m.'

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eumece taeniolatus* (Blyth, 1854).

Euprepes halianus Haly & Nevill in Nevill, 1887. Taprobanian 2: 56.

Type: ZSI 15977 (syntype), registered as from Ceylon. The original description gave the type localities as 'Henaratgoda' or 'Anuradhapura' in 'Ceylon' (= Sri Lanka). The CNM syntype could not be located (Kandamby, 1997), and is suspected to have been lost or misplaced during the upheavals of World War II (Kandamby, pers. comm., 1997).

Current status: *Dasia halianus* (Haly & Nevill in Nevill, 1887).

Euprepes innotatus Blanford, 1870. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 39(4): 354.

Type: ZSI 2358 (holotype), from 'Pem Ganga valley, S. E. Berár' (in Madhya Pradesh, central India).

Current status: *Mabuya innotatus* (Blanford, 1870).

Remarks: Smith (1935) wrote that a type was in the BMNH. BMNH 1946.8.19.2 from S. E. Berar is annotated 'unlikely to be the type', in the register.

Euprepes macularius Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 652.

Type: ZSI 2344 (holotype), from 'Rungpore ?' (Rangpur, Bengal [at

present in Bangladesh] according to Taylor and Elbel, 1958).
Current status: *Mabuya macularia* (Blyth, 1853).

Euprepes (Tiliqua) septemlineatus Blanford, 1870. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 39(4): 360.
Type: ZSI 2356 (holotype), from 'Pem Ganga valley, S.E. Berar' (in Madhya Pradesh, central India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Mabuya beddomii* (Jerdon, 1870).

Eurylepis taeniolatus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23: 470.
Type: ZSI 2382 (holotype), from 'Alpine Punjab' (in Punjab, Pakistan).

Current status: *Eumeceles taeniolatus* (Blyth, 1854).
Remarks: Theobald's (1868) *Plestiodon scutatus* is apparently based on the holotype of *Eurylepis taeniolatus* Blyth, 1854 (see Smith, 1935).

Leiolopisma tavesae Smith, 1935. Fauna British India 2: 298.
Type: ZSI 19871 (syntype), from 'Paunglin Forest Reserve, Pegu district' (= Bago Division, southern Myanmar).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Scincella punctatolineata* (Boulenger, 1893), according to Ouboter (1986).
Remarks: Two other syntypes are in the BMNH.

Lygosoma cacharens Annandale, 1905c. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 1(5): 145.
Type: ZSI 12076 (holotype), from 'Nemotha, Cachar' (in Assam State, north-eastern India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Sphenomorphus indicus* (Gray, 1853).

Lygosoma courcyanum Annandale, 1912c. Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 43.
Types: ZSI 16899 (syntype), from 'Upper Rotung (ca. 2,000 ft.)' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India); ZSI 16900 (syntype), from 'Rotung (91,300 ft.)' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India).

Current status: *Sphenomorphus courcyanum* (Annandale, 1912c).
Remarks: A third syntype is in the BMNH.

Lygosoma dawsonii Annandale, 1909. Rec. Indian Mus. 3(2): 257.
Type: ZSI 16170 (syntype), from 'Maddathorai'. Three syntypes from the following localities are at present untraceable: 'Tenmalai', 'Kulattupuzha' and 'Shasthancottah' (all in Kerala State, south-western India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Mabuya macularia* (Blyth, 1853).

Remarks: Because the other syntypes cannot be located, we hereby designate ZSI 16170 the lectotype of *Lygosoma dawsonii* Annandale, 1909, thereby restricting the type locality to Maddathorai.

Lygosoma himalayanum var. *tragbulensis* Alcock, '1897' 1898. Report Pamir Boundary Commission: 90.
Types: ZSI 13860–61 (syntypes), from 'Tragbal (sic, for Tragbul) Pass, at an elevation of about 9,000 feet' (in Jammu and Kashmir State, northern India).

Current status: *Asymblepharus tragbulensis* (Alcock, '1897' 1898).

Remarks: This taxon is not included in the works of Smith (1935) and Ouboter (1986). Das et al. (1998) showed that MCZ 7181 is not a paratype, as mentioned by Constable (1949), and assigned it to the genus *Asymblepharus*.

Lygosoma mitanense Annandale, 1905c. J. & Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 1(5): 144.
Type: ZSI 5399 (holotype), from 'Meetan, Lower Burma' (= southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Sphenomorphus maculatum* (Blyth, 1853).

Mabuia anakular Annandale, 1905c. J. & Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(5): 143.
Type: ZSI 2357 (holotype), from 'Cachar' (in southern Assam State, north-eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Mabuya quadricarinata* Boulenger, 1887.

Mabouia Blythiana Anderson, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 186.
Type: ZSI 2384 (holotype), from 'Amritzur?' (= Amritsar, in Punjab State, western India), although Smith (1935) wrote that the type locality is unknown,

- indicating his doubt of the provenance of the unique type.
 Current status: *Eumeces blythianus* (Anderson, 1871).
- Mabuya hodgarti* Hora, 1927. Rec. Indian Mus. 29(1): 2.
 Types: ZSI 19801 (holotype); ZSI 19803–05 (paratypes), from 'Rawalpindi, Punjab' (in northern Pakistan).
 Current status: Subjective synonym of *Mabuya dissimilis* (Hallowell, 1857).
 Remarks: A paratype is in the ZSP.
- Mabouya Jerdoniana* Stoliczka, 1870a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 105.
 Type: ZSI 2385 (holotype), from 'Penang' (in West Malaysia). The intended formal description gave the type locality as 'Pulo Tickos....north of Penang' (= Pulau Tikus, Malaysia).
 Current status: Subjective synonym of *Emoia atrocostata* (Lesson, 1830).
- Mabuia monticola* Annandale, 1905c. J. & Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s 1(5): 143.
 Types: ZSI 2361–63 (syntypes). According to the original description, 'no history; possibly the Eastern Himalayas or the hills of Assam' (in north-eastern India).
 Current status: Subjective synonym of *Mabuya multifasciata* (Kuhl, 1820).
- Mabuya andamanensis* Smith, 1935. Fauna British India 2: 271.
 Types: ZSI 15084 (syntype), from 'Andaman Islands' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).
 Current status: *Mabuya andamanensis* Smith, 1935.
 Remarks: Two additional syntypes are in the BMNH.
- Mabuya gansi* Das, 1991a. J. Herpetol. 25(3): 342.
 Types: ZSI 24826 (holotype), ZSI 24827–28 (paratypes), from '..circa 2 km NW Muthalar Road Cross off Sengaltheri-Thalayani road (towards Moolakasam), Kalakkad Tiger Reserve, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu State, India'.
 Current status: *Mabuya gansi* Das, 1991a.
- Mabuya nagarjuni* Sharma, 1969. Bull. Syst. Zool., Calcutta 1(2): 71.
 Types: ZSI 21170 (holotype); ZSI 21171 (paratype), from 'Vijaypuri South, near right-bank of R. Krishna, lat. 16°35'N., long. 79°28'E., alt. 500 ft.' (in Andhra Pradesh, south-central India). Two additional paratypes not traceable in the ZSI collection at present.
 Current status: *Mabuya nagarjuni* Sharma, 1969.
- ? *Mocoa exigua* Anderson, '1878' 1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 797.
 Type: ZSI 4270 (holotype), from 'Momien' (= Tengchong County, Yunnan Province, southern China).
 Current status: Subjective synonym of *Scincella modesta* (Günther, 1864).
- Mocoa formosa* Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 651.
 Types: ZSI 2367 (syntype), from 'Mirzapore' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India; in error [see Remarks]); ZSI 2368–69 (syntypes), from 'Wuzeerabad' (in Punjab Province, northern Pakistan; in error [see Remarks]).
 Current status: Subjective synonym of *Oligosoma lineoocellatum* (Duméril in Duméril & Duméril, 1851).
 Remarks: Smith (1935) suggested that the type localities may be in error, and the provenance of the syntypes of *Mocoa formosa* Blyth, 1853, may be New Zealand. *Oligosoma* was revived from the synonymy of *Leiolopisma* by Patterson and Daugherty (1995) for 20 species of scincids from New Zealand.
- Mocoa macrotypanum* Stoliczka, 1873b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 42(3): 166.
 Type: ZSI 5571 (holotype), from 'South Andaman... on a sandy beach in Macpherson's Straits' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).
 Current status: *Lipinia macrotypanum* (Stoliczka, 1873b).
- Mocoa sacra* Stoliczka, 1871b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(9): 195.
 Type: ZSI 2391 (holotype), from 'Parasnáth; W. Bengal' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Scincella sikimmense* (Blyth, 1853).

Mocoa sikimmensis Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 652.

Types: ZSI 2501–05 (syntypes), from 'Sikim' (= Sikkim State, eastern India).

Current status: *Scincella sikimmensis* (Blyth, 1853).

Plestiodon quadrilineatum Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 652.

Type: ZSI 2360 (holotype), from 'China (Hong Kong)?'.

Current status: *Eumeces quadrilineatus* (Blyth, 1853).

Plestiodon scutatus Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 25.

Type: ZSI 2382 (holotype). Of its provenance, the original description states: 'No record of habitat or donor'. However, the type is registered as from Salt Range, Punjab (in Pakistan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eumeces taeniolatus* (Blyth, 1854).

Remarks: Theobald's (1868) *Plestiodon scutatus* is apparently based on the holotype of *Eurylepis taeniolatus* Blyth, 1854 (see Smith, 1935).

Riopa anguinum Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 27.

Type: ZSI 5197 (holotype), from 'Pegu (Tonghu, Rangoon, & c.)' (= Bago (Taungoo, Yangon, etc., southern Myanmar)).

Current status: *Lygosoma anguinum* (Theobald, 1868a).

Riopa ashwamedhi Sharma, 1969. Bull. Syst. Zool., Calcutta 1(2): 73.

Types: ZSI 21173 (holotype), from '..5 km S.W. of Pullareddygudem (south of the excavated "ashwamedh site"), Nagarjunakonda Valley, Guntur Dist.'; ZSI 21174 (paratype), from '..5 km S.W. of Pullareddygudem (south of the excavated "ashwamedh site"), Nagarjunakonda Valley, Guntur Dist.';

ZSI 21175 (paratype), from 'Nandikonda Valley, Vijayapuri North, Nalgonda Dist.'; ZSI 21176 (paratype), from 'Eddenmotu Hills, 3 km. S. of

Pullareddygudem village, Nagarjunakonda Valley East, Guntur Dist.'; ZSI 21177 (paratype), from '..hills on right bank of R. Krishna, 3 km. S. of Vijayapuri South, Nalgonda District'. The provenance of ZSI 21178 (paratype), is unknown. All localities are in Andhra Pradesh, south-central India.

Current status: *Lygosoma ashwamedhi* (Sharma, 1969).

Riopa cyanella Stoliczka, 1872d. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 41: 130.

Types: ZSI 5547–48 (syntypes), from 'Pegu, British Barma' (= Bago, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Lygosoma lineolatum* (Stoliczka, 1870d).

Remarks: A third syntype is in the NMW.

Riopa goaensis Sharma, 1976b. Rec. Zool. Surv. India 71: 157.

Type: ZSI 22032 (holotype), from 'ca. 5 km N.E. of Foret (sic) Rest House, Mollem' (in Goa, south-western India).

Current status: *Lygosoma goaensis* (Sharma, 1976b).

Riopa lineolata Stoliczka, 1870d. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 105.

Type: ZSI 3218 (syntype), from 'Martaban' (= Mottama, southern Myanmar). The intended formal description gave the type locality as 'Martaban, opposite to Moulmein'.

Current status: *Lygosoma lineolatum* (Stoliczka, 1870d).

Remarks: The second syntype is in the NMW.

Riopa pruthi Sharma, 1977. Rec. Zool. Surv. India 73(1): 41.

Types: ZSI 22393 (holotype), from 'Chitteri range, lat. 11° 50'N, long. 78° 25'E, Salem District, Tamil Nadu, India'. The two paratypes cannot be located in the ZSI collection.

Current status: *Lygosoma pruthi* (Sharma, 1977).

Scincus Mitranus Anderson, 1871d. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1871(5): 115.

Type: ZSI 5584 (holotype), from probably 'Arabia'.

Current status: *Scincus mitranus*
Anderson, 1871d.

Scincus Tytterii Tytler in Theobald, 1868b.
J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 23.

Type: ZSI 2273 (holotype), is registered as from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India). The original description gives the type locality as 'India'.

Current status: *Mabuya tytterii* (Tytler in Theobald, 1868b).

Sphenococephalus tridactylus Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 654.

Types: ZSI 2526–29, 2531–32 (syntypes) from 'Afghanistan'.

Current status: *Ophiomorus tridactylus* (Blyth, 1853).

Tiliqua rugifera Stoliczka, 1870a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 105.

Type: ZSI 2350 (holotype), from 'Nicobars' (in the Bay of Bengal, India). The intended formal description by Stoliczka, 1870b, gave the type locality as 'Camorta (Nicobars)'.

Current status: *Mabuya rugifera* (Stoliczka, 1870a).

Tropidophorus assamensis Annandale, 1912c.
Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 58.

Type: ZSI 17029 (holotype), from 'Haraigaj range, 550 ft., Sylhet hills, Assam' (at present Sylhet District, north-eastern Bangladesh).

Current status: *Tropidophorus assamensis* Annandale, 1912c.

Zygnopsis brevipes Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 33.

Type: ZSI 3464 (holotype), from Saadatabad, S. W. of Karman, Persia. The original description gives the type locality as 'Karman in Persia meridionali' (= Iran).

Current status: *Ophiomorus brevipes* (Blanford, 1874a).

Anguidae

Anguis orientalis Anderson, 1872. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 376.

Type: ZSI 4829 (holotype), from 'Rehst, on the Caspian Sea' (= Rasht, Iran).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Anguis fragilis* Linnaeus, 1758.

Lacertidae

Acanthodactylus micropholis Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 33.

Type: ZSI 5301 (syntype), from 'Magas, Baluchistan' (= Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan), according to the register. In the original description, the type locality is given as 'Gedrosia (Baluchistán)'.

Current status: *Acanthodactylus micropholis* Blanford, 1874a.

Remarks: Additional syntypes are at the BMNH and ZMB.

Eremias vermiculata Blanford, 1875a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(8): 202.

Types: ZSI 5308 and 5340 (syntypes), from '..plains of Eastern Turkestan.' (= southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China), according to the original description of Blanford (1875a). The intended formal description gave the type locality as 'around Yárcand and Káshgar' (in) 'Eastern Turkistán' (Blanford, '1875' 1876), while Blanford (1875a) mentioned of only 'Eastern Turkestán'. Current status: *Eremias vermiculata* Blanford, 1875a.

Remarks: For a discussion on the date of publication, see Das (1998a). The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1998a).

Eremias (Mesalina) Watsonana Stoliczka, 1872a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(5): 86.

Types: ZSI 5224–25, 4929, 5050, 5223 (syntypes), from 'Panjáb Province' (= Punjab Province, northern Pakistan).

Current status: *Mesalina watsonana* (Stoliczka, 1872a).

Remarks: Additional syntypes are in the NMW.

Eremias Yarkandensis Blanford, 1875a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1875(8): 201.

Types: ZSI 3345–46 (syntypes), Sanja, S.E. Persia; ZSI 3348–50 (syntypes), West of Yarkand; ZSI 3643, 3645, 3647–50, 3654–55, 3658–59, 3849, 5195, 5228–30 (syntypes), Yarkand; ZSI 3848 (syntype),

West of Sarikol; ZSI 3850 (syntype), Fyzabad, Kashgar; ZSI 4210 (syntype), Turkestan; ZSI 5145, 5147–49, 5151–54 (syntypes), Sarikol; ZSI 5312–16 (syntypes), Kashgar. The type locality is given as 'Eastern Turkestán around Yárkand' (= Shache, southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China) in Blanford (1875) and 'Eastern Turkestán' in Blanford ('1875' 1876).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eremias multiocellata multiocellata* Günther, 1872.

Remarks: The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Eremias Yarkandensis, var. *saturata* Blanford, '1875' 1876. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 44(3): 194.

Types: ZSI 3369–70, 3376 (syntypes), Valley of Kuenluen; ZSI 4211 (syntype), locality unknown. The type locality was given as 'Valley of the Kuenluen range, south of Yárkand' (= southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, western China) by Blanford ('1875' 1876).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eremias multiocellata multiocellata* Günther, 1872.

Remarks: The syntypes were reported present in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997b).

Gymnops meizolepis Stoliczka, 1872c. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(7): 124.

Type: ZSI 5207 (syntype), from 'S. W. of Kálábagh on the Indus' (in North-West Frontier Province, northern Pakistan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ophisops elegans elegans* Ménétries, 1832.

Remarks: Smith (1935) mentioned that the types are in the BMNH.

Lacerta princeps Blanford, 1874a. Ann & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 31.

Type: ZSI 3351 (holotype), from 'Persia meridionali' (= Southern Iran).

Current status: *Timon princeps* (Blanford, 1874a).

Remarks: Mayer and Bischoff (1996) revived *Timon* from the synonymy of *Lacerta* for three species of Eurasian lacertids.

Mesalina brevirostris Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 32.

Type: ZSI 3474 (syntype), is registered as from 'Tumb I'. Type locality in the original description given as 'in insula Tumb dicta sinus Persici, et ad Kalabagh in regione Punjab Indiae' (= Thumb Island, Persian Gulf and Kalabagh, Punjab, Pakistan). Type locality restricted to 'Kalabagh, Punjab' by Schmidt (1939).

Current status: *Mesalina brevirostris* Blanford, 1874a.

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Mesalina pardalooides Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 32.

Type: ZSI 3381 (holotype), from 'Henjam seu Angam dicta in sinu Persico' (= Iran).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Mesalina watsonana* (Stoliczka, 1872).

Ophiops Jerdoni Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 653.

Type: ZSI 2196 (formerly 13a ASB) (holotype), from 'Mhow' (in Madhya Pradesh, central India).

Current status: *Ophisops jerdoni* (Blyth, 1853).

Remarks: The holotype of *Ophiops Jerdoni* Blyth, 1853, reported lost by Smith (1935), was found in the collection of the ZSI by Das and Dattagupta (1997a).

Ophiops [Gymnops] Microlepis Blanford, 1870. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 39(4): 351.

Type: ZSI 2236 (holotype), from 'Korba in Bilásipur, the eastern part of Chhattisgarh division, Central Province' (in Madhya Pradesh, central India).

Current status: *Ophisops microlepis* (Blanford, 1870).

Scapteira aporosceles Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 65(4): 559.

Types: ZSI 14132, 14134, 14137, 14139–42, 14144–45, 14147–51, 14153 (syntypes), from 'west of Robat I.' (in Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Scapteira aporosceles* Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897.

Remarks: Another syntype is in the MCZ.

Tachydromus Haughtonianus Jerdon, 1870.
Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(3): 72.
Type: ZSI 2195 (holotype), from 'Goalpara in Assam' (in north-eastern India).

Current status *Takydromus haughtonianus* (Jerdon, 1870).

Varanidae

Varanus macrolepis Blanford, 1881. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(4): 239.

Type: ZSI 11482 (holotype), from 'Tenasserim... (probably) in the neighbourhood of Tavoy' (near Dawei, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Varanus dumerili* Schlegel, 1839.

Varanus salvator andamanensis Deraniyagala, 1944. Spolia Zeylanica 24(1): 61.

Types: ZSI 22176 (holotype); ZSI 22174 (paratype), from 'Port Blair. Andaman Islands' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Varanus salvator andamanensis* Deraniyagala, 1944.

Varanus salvator nicobariensis Deraniyagala, 1947. Proc. 3rd Ann. Sess. Ceylon Assoc. Sci. 2: 12.

Type: ZSI 2147 (holotype), from 'Nicobar' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Varanus salvator salvator* (Laurent, 1768) according to Mertens (1963).

SERPENTES

Typhlopidae

Typhlops Barmanus Stoliczka, 1872b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(5): 144.

Type: ZSI 6879 (holotype), from 'Moulmein' (= Mawlamine, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Typhlops diardii* Schlegel, 1839.

Typhlops braminus var. *arenicola* Annandale, 1906a. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(1): 192.

Types: ZSI 5457–58 (syntypes), from 'Rámanád' (in Tamil Nadu State,

southern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ramphotyphlops braminus* (Daudin, 1803).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Typhlops diversiceps Annandale, 1912c. Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 44.

Type: ZSI 16864 (holotype), from 'Pasighat (500 ft.)' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Typhlops jerdoni* Boulenger (1890).

Typhlops kapaladua Annandale, 1906d. J. & Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(8): 208.

Type: ZSI 15284 (holotype), from 'Malay Archipelago, probably Java' (= Java, Indonesia).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Typhlops muelleri* Schlegel, 1839.

Typhlops limbrickii Annandale, 1906a. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(1): 193.

Type: ZSI 15460 (holotype), from 'Rámanád' (in Tamil Nadu State, southern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ramphotyphlops braminus* (Daudin, 1803).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Typhlops persicus Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 34.

Type: ZSI 6899 (holotype), from 'in Persia meridionali' (= Iran). The register gives the type locality as N.E. of Sarjan nr. Shiraz.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Typhlops vermicularis* Merrem, 1820.

Typhlops psammophilus Annandale, 1906a. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(1): 193.

Types: ZSI 15461–62 (syntypes), from 'Rámanád' (in Tamil Nadu State, southern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Typhlops pammeces* (Günther, 1864).

Remarks: A third syntype is in the BMNH.

Typhlops Theobaldianus Stoliczka, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(2): 429.

Type: ZSI 6888 (formerly ASB 4a) (holotype), from 'India'.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Typhlops tenuicollis* (Peters, 1864).

Uropeltidae

Plectrurus pulneyensis Beddome, 1863.

Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1863: 228.

Types: ZSI 4381 (syntype), locality not mentioned; ZSI 6948 (syntype), from Palni Hills; ZSI 6950 (syntype), locality not mentioned; ZSI 6972–75 (syntype), from Madras Presidency. The original description gives the type locality as 'Pulney Hills, 7000 to 8000 feet' (= Palni Hills, Tamil Nadu State, south-western India).

Current status: *Uropeltis pulneyensis* (Beddome, 1863).

Remarks: Other syntypes are in the BMNH and MNHN.

R. (sic for P. [= *Plectrurus*] *scabrida*)

Theobald, 1876. Descr. Cat. Rept. British India: 136.

Type: ZSI 6996 (holotype), from 'Anamallays' (= Anaimalai Mountains, Tamil Nadu State, south-western India). Current status: Subjective synonym of *Teretrurus sanguineus* Beddome, 1867.

Silybura Wood-Masoni Theobald, 1876. Descr. Cat. Rept. British India: 135.

Type: ZSI 8760 (holotype), from 'Palney hills' (= Palni Hills, Tamil Nadu State, south-western India).

Current status: *Uropeltis woodmasoni* (Theobald, 1876).

Boidae

Eryx fodiens Annandale, 1913b. Rec. Indian Mus. 9: 217.

Type: ZSI 17187 (holotype), from 'Koweit on the Persian Gulf' (= Kuwait).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Eryx jayakari* Boulenger, 1888.

Eryx whitakeri Das, 1991b. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 88(1): 92.

Types: ZSI 24810 (holotype), from 'Mangalore, Karnataka State, India'; ZSI 24811 (paratype), from 'Cannanore, Kerala State, India'; ZSI 24813 (paratype), from 'Felneer Hostel, Mangalore, Karnataka State, India'; ZSI

22152 (paratype), from 'Panjim sea beach, 29 km west of Ponda, Goa'.

Current status: *Eryx whitakeri* Das, 1991b.

Colubridae

Ablabes gilgitensis Annandale, 1905d. J. & Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(8): 210.

Type: ZSI 14289 (holotype), from 'Gilgit' (in area claimed by India [in Jammu and Kashmir State] and Pakistan [Azad Kashmir]).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trachischium fuscum* (Blyth, 1854).

Ablabes Nicobariensis Stoliczka, 1870a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 106.

Type: ZSI 7201 (holotype), from 'Nicobars' (in the Bay of Bengal, India). The intended formal description in Stoliczka (1870b), gave the type locality as 'Nancowry haven on Camorta (Nicobars)'.

Current status: *Gongyllosoma nicobariensis* (Stoliczka, 1870a).

Ablabes pavo Annandale, 1912c. Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 47.

Type: ZSI 16797 (holotype), from 'Upper Rotung' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Elaphe mandarina* (Cantor, 1840).

Ablabes scriptus Blyth in Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 42.

Type: ZSI 7207 (holotype), from 'Martaban' (= Mottama, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Liopeltis scriptus* (Blyth in Theobald, 1868a).

Remarks: Both Sclater (1891b) and Smith (1943) erroneously attributed the authorship to Theobald (1868a).

Ablabes stoliczkae Sclater, 1891a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 60(3): 234.

Type: ZSI 3955 (syntype), from 'Samagooting in the Naga hills of Assam' (at present in Nagaland State, north-eastern India).

Current status: *Liopeltis stoliczkae* (Sclater, 1891a).

Remarks: The second syntype without locality data cannot be located at present.

Aproaspidops antecursorum Annandale, 1912c. Rec. Indian Mus. 8(2): 46.

Type: ZSI 16844 (holotype), from 'Janakmukh, 600 ft.' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Blythia reticulata* (Blyth, 1854).

Atretium schistosum var. *yunnanensis*

Anderson, '1878' 1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped.: 822.

Types: ZSI 4191–92, ZSI 4196 (syntypes), from 'Muangla and Hotha at elevations of 2,000 and 4,500 feet' (Muangla = Lianghe, Yingjiang County; Hotha = Husa, Longchuan County; both in Yunnan Province, southern China).

Current status: *Atretium yunnanensis* Anderson, '1878' 1879.

Remarks: Both *Atretium schistosum* var. *yunnanensis* Anderson, '1878' 1879 and *Helicops schistosus*, var. *andersonii* Wall, 1909 were based on the same material (see Annandale, 1911).

Boiga wallachi Das, 1997. J. south Asian nat. Hist. 3(1): 60.

Types: ZSI 25133 (holotype), from 'Kopen Heat (= Dakoank), 06° 48'N; 93° 41'E, Great Nicobar Island (= Sambelong), Bay of Bengal, India'; ZSI 25134 (paratype), from 'Pulo Ulan (= Tiden), 07° 03'N; 93° 35'E, Little Nicobar Island, Bay of Bengal, India'; ZSI 23662 (paratype), from 'Campbell Bay (= Bananga), 06° 50'N; 93° 50'E, Great Nicobar Island, Bay of Bengal, India'; ZSI 23660 (1–2) (two paratypes), from '3 km post on East-West Road, Great Nicobar Island, Bay of Bengal, India'; ZSI 23361 (paratype), from 'Lakshman Bay, 3 km NW Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar Island, Bay of Bengal, India'; ZSI 22491–92 (paratypes), 'Great Nicobar'.

Current status: *Boiga wallachi* Das, 1997.

Cadmus cuneiformis Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 58.

Type: ZSI 7590 (holotype), from 'Simla' (= Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, northern India), although the register lists it from 'S. Africa' (Slater, 1891b).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Pseudaspis cana* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Calamaria bicolor Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 289.

Type: ZSI 7030 (holotype), from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current status: *Rhabdops bicolor* (Blyth, 1854).

Calamaria fusca Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 288.

Types: ZSI 7044 (lectotype), ZSI 7043, 7045–53 (paralectotypes), from 'Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Trachischium fuscum* (Blyth, 1854).

Remarks: Lectotype designation by Talukdar et al. (1980).

Calamaria obscur-o-striata Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 288.

Type: ZSI 7042 (syntype), from 'Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trachischium fuscum* (Blyth, 1854).

Calamaria reticulata Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 287.

Types: ZSI 7028–29 (syntypes), from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current status: *Blythia reticulata* (Blyth, 1854).

Calamaria Stahlknechti Stoliczka, 1873a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 42(2): 119.

Type: ZSI 7122 (holotype), from 'near Dilli on Sumatra' (= Dehli, Medan, Sumatera, Indonesia).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Calamaria lumbricoides* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827.

Calamaria tenuiceps Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 288.

Type: ZSI 7181 (holotype), from 'from the vicinity of Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Trachischium tenuiceps* (Blyth, 1854).

Coluber bholanathi Sharma, 1976a. Comp. Physiol. Ecol. 1(3): 106.
 Types: ZSI 21337 (holotype); ZSI 21335–36 (paratypes), from 'Nagarjuna Hill (16° 31'N, 79° 14'E), Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh (southeastern India). Current status: *Coluber bholanathi* Sharma, 1976a.

'*Coluber colubrinus* Blyth'

Material: ZSI 7239 ('holotype'), Darjeeling (in West Bengal State, eastern India). Collected by W. T. Blanford.

Current status: Nomen nudum (see Remarks). Subjective synonym of *Sibynophis collaris* (Gray, 1853).

Remarks: Smith (1943: 277; footnote) mentioned that Sclater (1891b) assigned the species to *Polyodontophis collaris* Gray, 1853 (= *Sibynophis collaris*). As the original description questionably attributed to Blyth by Sclater, 1891b is untraceable, this name is here considered a nomen nudum.

Coluber nigromarginatus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 290.
 Type: ZSI 7343 (syntype), from 'Vicinity of Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Ptyas nigromarginatus* (Blyth, 1854).

Remarks: Blyth's (1854) range of scale counts in the original description indicates that he examined several examples, although a single example is indicated as the type.

Coluber nuthalli Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 44.

Type: ZSI 7238 (holotype), 'probably from Prome district' (= Pyay or Pyi south-central Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Elaphe taeniura* Cope, 1861.

Coluber prasinus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 291.

Types: ZSI 7669 and 7671 (syntypes), from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current status: *Gonyosoma prasinum* (Blyth, 1854).

Remarks: The location of the third

syntype (formerly IMRR 7670) is unknown.

Contia mcmahoni Wall, 1911a. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 20(4): 1037.

Type: ZSI 16624 (holotype), from 'Quetta, Loralai, Mach and Spintangi' (in Balochistan Province, northern Pakistan). According to Smith (1943), the type was in the Quetta Museum.

Current status: *Eirenis mcmahoni* (Wall, 1911a).

Cyclophis catenatus Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 49.

Type: ZSI 7208 (holotype), from 'Simla' (= Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, northern India), in error.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Homalosoma lutrix* (Linnaeus, 1766).

Cyclophis persicus Anderson, 1872a. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 392.

Type: ZSI 4828 (holotype), from 'Bushire, Persia' (= Iran).

Current status: *Eirenis persicus* (Anderson, 1872a).

Remarks: Smith (1943) erroneously mentioned that the type was in the BMNH.

Dendrelaphis humayuni Tiwari & Biswas, 1973. J. Zool. Soc. India 25(1 & 2): 59.

Types: ZSI 22386 (holotype), from 'Campbell Bay, Grate (sic for Great) Nicobar Island' (in the Bay of Bengal, India); ZSI 22387 (paratype), from 'Galathea Bay area, Great Nicobar Island'; ZSI 22388 (paratype), from 'Campbell Bay area, Great Nicobar Island'; ZSI 13516–17 (paratypes), from 'Nicobar Island'; ZSI 7711 (paratype), from 'Nicobar Island'; ZSI 8886 (paratype), from 'Camorta, Nicobar'; ZSI 17568 (paratype), from 'Nicobar Island'.

Current status: *Dendrelaphis humayuni* Tiwari & Biswas, 1973.

Dendrophis picta var. *andamanensis* Anderson, 1871c. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1871: 184.

Type: ZSI 7714 (holotype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Dendrelaphis pictus andamanensis* (Anderson, 1871c).

Dipsadoides decipiens Annandale, 1905d. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 1(8): 213.

Type: ZSI 15298 (holotype), from 'Malay Archipelago'.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Boiga jaspidea* Duméril, Bibron and Duméril (1854).

Dipsadomorphus quincunciatus Wall, 1908. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 18: 272.

Type: ZSI 16131 (holotype), from 'almost certainly Tinsukia' (in Assam State, north-eastern India).

Current status: *Boiga quincunciata* (Wall, 1908).

Remarks: The holotype was reportedly deposited at the BMNH, where it could not be found by Smith (1943), although there is no evidence that the type was ever in the BMNH. ZSI 16131 matches Wall's 1908 original description, and is collected by Wall from Tinsukia, Assam, according to the register, for which reason we consider the specimen as the holotype.

Dipsadomorphus trigonata melanocephalus Annandale, 1904b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 73(5): 209.

Types: ZSI 14814–15 (syntypes), from 'Perso-Baluch frontier' (= border between Balochistan Province [north-western Pakistan] and Iran).

Current status: *Boiga trigonata melanocephala* (Annandale, 1904b).

Dipsas andamanensis Wall, 1909. Rec. Indian Mus. 3(1): 153.

Types: ZSI 8641 (syntype); ZSI 15189, 15192 (syntypes); ZSI 7928–30 (syntypes), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Boiga andamanensis* (Wall, 1909).

Dipsas hexagonota Blyth, 1856. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 24: 360.

Type: ZSI 8048 (holotype); type locality not mentioned in the original description. Listed as from Cherrapunji, Assam (at present in Meghalaya, north-eastern India), in the register.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Boiga cyanea* (Duméril, Bibron and Duméril, 1854).

Dipsas multifasciata Blyth, '1860' 1861. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29: 114.

Type: ZSI 7861 (holotype); type locality was not mentioned in the original description.

Current status: *Boiga multifasciata* (Blyth, '1860' 1861).

Dipsas nigromarginata Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 294.

Type: ZSI 7853 (holotype), from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current status: *Ptyas nigromarginata* (Blyth, 1854).

Dipsas rhinopoma Blanford, 1874a. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 4 14: 34.

Type: ZSI 3500 (holotype), from 'in Carmania' (= Karman, southern Iran).

Current status: *Telescopus rhinopomus* (Blanford, 1874a).

Dryophis mycterizans var. *anomalus* Annandale, 1906a. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1(1): 196.

Type: ZSI 15463 (holotype), from 'Santragachi on the Bengal-Nagpur Railway' (in southern West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ahaetulla nasutus* (Lacépède, 1789).

Elaphe yunnanensis Anderson, '1878' 1879. Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 813.

Type: ZSI 4181 (syntype), from 'Momien' (= Tengchong County, Yunnan Province, southern China).

Current status: *Elaphe taeniura yunnanensis* Anderson, '1878' 1879.

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH; the fate of the third syntype is unknown. The three syntypes were formerly IMRR 4180–82 (see Sclater, 1891b).

Falconeria bengalensis Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 44.

Type: ZSI 7027 (formerly 13a

ASB)(holotype), from 'Parisnath' (in West Bengal State, eastern India), emended to 'N. America' by Sclater (1891b).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Virginia striatula* (Linnaeus, 1766).

Feranoides Jamnaetica Carleyle, 1869. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 38(2): 196.

Type: ZSI 8198 (holotype), from 'River Jamna, near Agra' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Enhydris sieboldii* (Schlegel, 1827).

Fowlea peguensis Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 57.

Type: ZSI 7597 (holotype), from 'Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Xenochrophis punctulatus* (Günther, 1858).

Helicops indicus Annandale, 1905d. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 1(8): 211.

Types: ZSI 14732 (syntype), from 'Rampore Tea Estate, N. Cachar' (in Assam State, north-eastern India). A second syntype, registered as ZSI 15264, from 'Monghyr, Bengal' (at present in Bihar State, eastern India), cannot be located at present.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Enhydris enhydris* (Schneider, 1799).

Homalopsis pariceps Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 301.

Type: ZSI 8177 (holotype), from 'North Carolina' (in North America).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Farancia erythrogramma* (Latreille in Sonnini and Latreille, 1801).

Homalopsis semizonatus Blyth, 1855. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 24: 187.

Type: ZSI 8137 (holotype), from Martaban (= Mottama, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Homalopsis buccata* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Lycodon tiwarii Biswas & Sanyal, 1965. Proc. Zool. Soc. Calcutta 18: 137.

Types: ZSI 20849 (holotype), from

'Mayabunder, North Andaman Islands' (in the Bay of Bengal, India); ZSI 20851 (paratype), without locality (donated by the Government Hospital), from 'Car Nicobar, Nicobar Islands' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Lycodon tiwarii* Biswas & Sanyal, 1965.

Lytorhynchus maynardi Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 65(4): 562.

Types: ZSI 14223–25 (syntypes), from 'Near Robat I.' (in Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Lytorhynchus maynardi* Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897.

Remarks: A fourth syntype is in the BMNH.

Natrix gilhodesi Wall, 1925. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 30: 587.

Type: ZSI 19537 (syntype), from 'Huton, Bhamo District (30 miles north-east of Bhamo; circa 4,500 feet; Lat. circa 97° 33'; Long. circa 24° 24') (in Kachin State, northern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Amphiesma khasiensis* (Boulenger, 1890).

Remarks: A second syntype is at the BMNH. Wall (1925) wrote that he examined six examples of the new species; the fate of the remaining four syntypes is unknown.

Oligodon erythrogaster Boulenger, 1907. Rec. Indian Mus. 1(3): 216.

Type: ZSI 15850 (syntype), from 'Nagarkote, Nepal, altitude 6,000 feet'.

Current status: *Oligodon erythrogaster* Boulenger, 1907.

Remarks: Smith (1943) mentioned that the type was in the BMNH, but none is listed in the register.

Oligodon kheriensis Acharji & Ray, 1936. Rec. Indian Mus. 38: 519.

Type: ZSI 20391 (holotype), from 'North Kheri Division, Eastern Circle, Kheri-Lakhimpur, in the United Provinces' (at present, Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Oligodon cyclurus* (Cantor, 1839).

Oligodon melazonotus Wall, 1922. Rec. Indian Mus. 24(1): 29.
Type: ZSI 16799 (syntype), from 'Upper Rotung Valley, Abor Hills, Assam frontier, at about 2000 feet elevation' (in Arunachal Pradesh, north-eastern India).

Current status: *Oligodon melazonotus* Wall, 1922.

Ophites gammiei Blanford, 1878a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1878(6): 141.
Type: ZSI 8447 (holotype), from 'British Sikkim' (= Sikkim State, eastern India). In the intended formal description, Blanford, 1878b gave the type locality as 'South-eastern Sikkim'.
Current status: *Dinodon gammiei* (Blanford, 1878a).

Pareas berdmorei Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 63.
Types: ZSI 8021–23 (syntypes), from 'Tenasserim' (in southern Myanmar).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Pareas carinatus* (Boie, 1828).

Pareas macularius Blyth in Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 54.
Types: ZSI 8024–26 (syntypes), from 'Martaban' (= Mottama, Myanmar). In the original description, the type series also included two examples from 'Tenasserim' (in southern Myanmar), although Theobald (1868) doubted the provenance of these specimens.
Current status: *Pareas macularius* Blyth in Theobald, 1868a.
Remarks: According to Smith (1943), there is a type in the BMNH.

Phayrea Isabellina Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 43.
Type: ZSI 7600 (holotype), from 'Maubee, above Rangoon' (= north of Yangon, southern Myanmar).
Current status: *Liophis lineatus* (Linnaeus, 1758).
Remarks: *Phayrea isabellina* Theobald, 1868a was thought to be closely allied to the members of the genus *Amphiesma* by Wall (1921).

Platyceps semifasciatus Blyth, '1860' 1861. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29(1): 114.

Type: ZSI 7240 (holotype). Type locality not given in the original description. The register gives the provenance of the type as Subathu, near Simla (= Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, northern India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Argyrogena ventromaculata* (Gray, 1834).

Psammophis sindanus Stoliczka, 1872a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872(5): 83.
Types: ZSI 7602–03 (syntypes), from 'Kachh' (= Kachchh, Gujarat State, western India) and 'Sind near Sakkar' (= Sukkur, southern Pakistan).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Psammophis schokari* (Forsskål, 1775).

Simotes catenifer Stoliczka, 1873a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 42(2): 121.
Types: ZSI 7513 (syntype), from 'Johore, North of Singapore' (in southern West Malaysia); ZSI 8378 (syntype), from 'Penang' (in West Malaysia).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Oligodon purpurascens* (Schlegel, 1837).

Simotes crassus Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 48.
Type: ZSI 7163 (formerly 23 ASB) (holotype); type locality not mentioned in the original description.
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Oligodon purpurascens* (Schlegel, 1837).

Simotes obscurus Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 48.
Types: ZSI 7126–27 (syntypes); type locality not mentioned in the original description.
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Oligodon purpurascens* (Schlegel, 1837).

Simotes semifasciatus Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 16.
Types: ZSI 7167–68 (syntypes), from 'Naga Hills, Assam' (at present in Nagaland State, north-eastern India).
Current status: Subjective synonym of *Oligodon cinereus* (Günther, 1864).

Simotes wood-masoni Sclater, 1891a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 60(3): 235.
Types: ZSI 8459 (syntype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India); ZSI 12547 (syntype), from

'Nicobars' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).
Current status: *Oligodon woodmasoni* (Sclater, 1891a).

Trachischium quinquelabialis Wall, 1911b. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 21: 201.

Type: ZSI 16687 (syntype), from 'Naini Tal District...above 6,000 feet' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trachischium laeve* Peracca, 1904.

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH.

Tropidonotus angusticeps Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 295.

Types: ZSI 7503–04 (syntypes), from 'Asám and Arakan' (Asám is at present Assam, then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India; Arakan is at present Rakhine, the mountain range on the western coast of Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Pseudoxenodon macrops* (Blyth, 1854).

Tropidonotus firthi Wall, 1914. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 23(1): 166.

Types: ZSI 15817–18 (syntypes). According to the original description, the syntypes are from 'Nepal' and 'Takdah in the Eastern Himalayas (circa 4,500 feet)' (in West Bengal State, eastern India). According to the register, the types are from Chitlong, Nepal.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Amphiesma platyceps* (Blyth, 1854).

Remarks: The description was based on two specimens from the first locality, and one from the second. The location of the third syntype is at present unknown.

Tropidonotus macrops Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 296.

Type: ZSI 7506–07; 7556–57 (syntypes), from 'Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Pseudoxenodon macrops* (Blyth, 1854).

Tropidonotus mortoni Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 57.

Type: ZSI 7568 (holotype); type locality

not mentioned in the original description.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Macropisthodon rhodomelas* (Boie, 1827).

Tropidonotus nicobarensis Sclater, 1891a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 60(3): 241.

Type: ZSI 8895 (holotype), from 'Camorta in the Nicobars' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Amphiesma nicobariensis* (Sclater, 1891a).

Tropidonotus nigrocinctus Blyth, 1855. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 24(7): 717.

Types: ZSI 7479–80 (syntypes); type locality not mentioned in the original description. According to Sclater (1891b), the types were from 'Pegu' (= Bago, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Rhabdophis nigrocinctus* (Blyth, 1855).

'*Tropidonotus olivaceus* Blyth'

Types: ZSI 7533–34 ('syntypes'); provenance unknown.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Amphiesma stolata* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Remarks: These specimens are listed in the synonymy of *Tropidonotus stolatus* (Linnaeus, 1758) by Sclater (1891b). Since we are unaware of the formal description of Blyth, we consider the name to be unavailable. In any event, the name is preoccupied in *Tropidonotus* by Peters, 1854 (see Boulenger, 1893).

Tropidonotus pealii Sclater, 1891a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 60(3): 241.

Type: ZSI 4034 (syntype), from 'Sibsagar district of Assam' (in north-eastern India).

Current status: *Amphiesma pealii* (Sclater, 1891a).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the BMNH (formerly IMRR 4043).

Tropidonotus platyceps Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 297.

Types: ZSI 7482 (syntype). Three syntypes were from 'Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India), 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the

rest of north-eastern India) and 'Khásya hills' (= Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, north-eastern India), according to the original description, although Sclater (1891b) listed only two, ZSI 7482–83 (from 'Darjeeling').

Current status: *Amphiesma platyceps* (Blyth, 1854).

Remarks: The fate of the other two syntypes is unknown.

Tropidonotus Sikkimensis Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 17.

Types: ZSI 7556–57 (syntypes), from 'Darjeeling, 5000 feet' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Pseudoxenodon macrops* (Blyth, 1854).

Tropidonotus striolatus Blyth in Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 55.

Type: ZSI 7402 (formerly 46a ASB) (holotype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Xenochrophis melanostus* (Boie, 1826).

Remarks: ZSI 7402 is the holotype of both *Tropidonotus tytleri* Blyth, 1863 and *T. striolatus* Blyth in Theobald, 1868b. Declared lost by Smith (1943), the rediscovery of the holotype was announced by Talukdar et al. (1989).

Tropidonotus tytleri Blyth, 1863. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 32(1): 88.

Type: ZSI 7402 (formerly 46a ASB) (holotype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Xenochrophis melanostus* (Boie, 1826).

Remarks: ZSI 7402 is the holotype of both *Tropidonotus tytleri* Blyth, 1863 and *striolatus* Blyth in Theobald, 1868b.

Declared lost by Smith (1943), the rediscovery of the holotype was announced by Talukdar et al. (1989).

Tytleria hypsirhinoides Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 66.

Type: ZSI 8145 (holotype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Lycodon capucinus* (Linnaeus, 1758).

Zamenis Ladacensis Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 16.

Type: ZSI 7323 (holotype), from 'Ladak' (= Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir State, northern India). The register mentions that the specimen was collected from Kula.

Current status: *Coluber ravergieri ladacensis* Anderson, 1871a.

Zaocys tenasserimensis Sclater, 1891a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 60(3): 238.

Type: ZSI 4073 (holotype). Type locality not formally stated in the original description, though the specific name refers to the Tenasserim region of Burma (= Myanmar). The register lists the type as from Tao Range, 4,00 ft., Tenasserim.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ptyas carinatus* (Günther, 1858).

Elapidae

Bungarus andamanensis Biswas & Sanyal, 1978. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 75(1): 179.

Types: ZSI 20895/1 (holotype); ZSI 20895/2 (paratype), from 'Port Blair, S. Andaman' (in the Bay of Bengal, India); ZSI 2897 (paratype); ZSI 14628 (paratype), from 'Andamans'.

Current status: *Bungarus andamanensis* Biswas & Sanyal, 1978.

Bungarus walli Wall, 1907. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 17(3): 608; 1 pl.

Type: ZSI 15727 (syntype), from 'Fyzabad' (= Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: *Bungarus sindanus walli* Wall, 1907.

Remarks: Three syntypes are in the BMNH.

Callophis beddomei Smith, 1943. Fauna British India 3: 423.

Type: ZSI 13559 (paratype), from 'Koppa, Mysore' (in Karnataka State, south-western India).

Current status: *Calliophis beddomei* (Smith, 1943).

Remarks: The holotype is in the BMNH.

? *Dendraspis hannah brunnea* Deraniyagala, 1961. Spolia Zeylanica 29(2): 229.

Type: ZSI 8924 (holotype), 'Darjeeling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ophiophagus hannah* (Cantor, 1836).

Remarks: BNHM 2577 was also examined by Deraniyagala (1961) but was not made a part of the type series.

Naja tripudians var. *sagittifera* Wall, 1913. J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 22: 248.

Type: ZSI 4011 (holotype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Naja sagittifera* Wall, 1913.

Remarks: Wüster et al. (1995) revived *Naja tripudians sagittifera* Wall, 1913, from the synonymy of *Naja kaouthia* Lesson, 1831, as a full species.

Hydrophiidae

Distira andamanica Annandale, 1905a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 73: 174.

Type: ZSI 15238 (holotype), from 'Andamans' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis ornatus* (Gray, 1842).

Hydrophis alcocki Wall, 1906. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1: 288.

Type: ZSI 8244 (holotype), from 'Puri' (in Orissa State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis fasciatus* Günther, 1864.

Hydrophis crassicornis Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 19.

Type: ZSI 8272 (holotype), from 'Hughli, below Calcutta' (= River Hooghly, Calcutta, West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis cyanocinctus* Daudin, 1801.

Hydrophis Dayanus Stoliczka, 1872b. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1872: 89.

Type: ZSI 8278 (holotype), from 'Karachi' (in Sindh Province, southern Pakistan).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis cyanocinctus* Daudin, 1801, according to Smith (1926) and of *Hydrophis lapemoides* (Gray, 1849) according to Tiedemann et al. (1994).

Remarks: A second syntype is in the NMW.

Hydrophis Fayeriana Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 19.

Type: ZSI 8270 (holotype), from 'Bay of Bengal, Pooree Coast' (= Puri, Orissa State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Lapemis curtus* (Shaw, 1802).

Remarks: Not listed in Smith (1926) or McCarthy (1993).

Hydrophis melanocinctus Wall, 1906. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1: 287.

Type: ZSI 14470 (holotype), from 'Puri' (in Orissa State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis spiralis* Shaw, 1802.

Hydrophis neglectus Wall, 1906. Mem. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1: 288.

Type: ZSI 8598 (holotype), from 'Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar). The register lists the specimens as from 'Elephant Pt., Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis stricticollis* Günther, 1864.

Hydrophis trachyceps Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 70.

Types: ZSI 8266 (syntype), from 'Mergui' (= Myeik or Beik, southern Myanmar). A second syntype, ZSI 8267 is not present ('Not received back from B. [= Boden] Kloss').

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis cyanocinctus* Daudin, 1803.

Hydrophis tuberculata Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 18.

Type: ZSI 8271 (holotype), from 'Calcutta' (in West Bengal State, eastern India). The register lists the specimen as from Canal at Dhapa near Calcutta.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis cyanocinctus* Daudin, 1803.

P. (= *Platyurus*) *affinis* Anderson, 1871b. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1871: 190.

Type: ZSI 8289 (holotype), from 'Fallahs Mullah...Calcutta' (sic for Tolly's Nullah,

south-western Calcutta, West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Laticauda laticaudata affinis* Anderson, 1871.

Viperidae

Eristicophis Macmahonii Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 65(4): 295.

Types: ZSI 14179–84 (syntypes), from 'Amirchah..3300 feet', 'Zeh..2500 feet', 'Drana Koh' and 'Robat I..4300 feet' (all in Balochistan Province, north-western Pakistan).

Current status: *Eristicophis macmahonii* Alcock & Finn, '1896' 1897.

Hypnale affinis Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 20.

Types: ZSI 3097 (two syntypes). The type locality not given in the original description, and Smith (1935) its provenance as Ceylon (= Sri Lanka).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hypnale hypnale* (Merrem, 1820).

Lachesis coorgensis Rao, 1917. Rec. Indian Mus. 13(1): 14.

Type: ZSI 18168 (holotype), from 'Coorg Town, alt. 3500–4000 ft. (South India)' (in Tamil Nadu State).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trimeresurus malabaricus* (Jerdon, 1854).

Trigocephalus Cantori Blyth, 1846. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 15(173): 377.

Type: ZSI 2959 (holotype), from 'Nicobars' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Trimeresurus cantori* (Blyth, 1846).

Trigocephalus (Cophias) neelgherriensis Jerdon, '1853' 1854b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(6): 524.

Type: ZSI 3072 (holotype), from 'Neelgherris' (= Nilgiri Mountains, Tamil Nadu State, south-western India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trimeresurus strigatus* (Gray, 1842).

Trimeresurus andersoni Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 75.

Type: ZSI 3057 (holotype), from 'Andaman Is.' (in the Bay of Bengal, India).

Current status: *Trimeresurus andersoni* Theobald, 1868b.

Remarks: Malhotra and Thorpe ('1997' 1996) showed that *Trimeresurus andersoni* Theobald, 1868a is nonconspecific with *T. purpureomaculatus* Gray, 1832. Smith (1943) considered it a subspecies of *T. purpureomaculatus*.

Trimeresurus convictus Stoliczka, 1870a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 108.

Type: ZSI 3082 (holotype), from 'Penang' (in West Malaysia). In the intended formal description, Stoliczka (1870b) gave the type locality as 'Western hill on Penang, at an elevation of about 2400 feet'.

Current status: *Ovophis convictus* (Stoliczka, 1870a).

Trimeresurus mutabilis Stoliczka, 1870a.

Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 107.

Types: ZSI 3086–87 (syntypes), from 'Andamans and Nicobars' (in the Bay of Bengal, India). In the intended formal description, Stoliczka (1870b) wrote of the collection of one type from 'Andamans' and 12 from 'Camorta..Nicobar islands'.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trimeresurus labialis* (Fitzinger, 1861).

Remarks: Additional syntypes are at the BMNH and NMW (formerly IMRR 3083–85).

Trimeresurus porphyraceus Blyth, '1860' 1861. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29(11): 111.

Types: ZSI 2950–51, 2955–56 (syntypes), from 'Lower Bengal' (in southern West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Trimeresurus purpureomaculatus* Gray, 1832.

TYPES NOT PRESENT IN THE ZSI

The following types are believed to be either lost or erroneously reported as being present in the collection of the ZSI.

Bataguridae

Emys nigra Blyth, 1855. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 24(7): 713.

Type: Location of holotype unknown, from 'Tenasserim' (in southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Siebenrockiella crassicollis* (Gray, 1831).

Gekkonidae

Doryura Karenorum Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 30.

Type: Types lost, according to Smith (1935), from 'Karen-choung, above Toungu' (= Taungoo, in central Myanmar).

Current status: *Hemidactylus karenorum* (Theobald, 1868a).

Hemidactylus punctatus Jerdon, '1853'

1854a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22: 467.

Types: Not located, from 'Tellicherry' (in Kerala State, south-western India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hemidactylus frenatus* Schlegel in Duméril & Bibron (1836).

Hemidactylus subtriedrus Jerdon, '1853'

1854a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(5): 467.

Type: Calcutta (= IMMR), according to Smith (1935), although the type cannot be located at present in the collection of the ZSI, from 'Nellore district' (in Andhra Pradesh, south-eastern India).

Current status: *Hemidactylus subtriedrus* Jerdon, '1853' 1854a.

Phyllodactylus burmanicus Annandale, 1905e. Ann. & Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 7 15: 28.

Type: Calcutta (= IMMR), according to Smith (1935), although the ZSI has no specimens from 'Tavoy' (the type locality; at present Dawei, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Dixonius siamensis* (Boulenger, 1898), according to Bauer et al. (1997).

Agamidae

Calotes gigas Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 648.

Type: Location of holotype unknown, according to Smith (1935).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Calotes versicolor* (Daudin, 1802).

Remarks: Annandale (1921) credits the authorship of *Calotes versicolor major* to Edward Blyth. Despite a reading of all of Blyth's works, we have failed to locate the original description of this

taxon; we suggest *Calotes versicolor major* Blyth was a lapsus for *Calotes gigas* Blyth, 1853.

Calotes platyceps Blyth, 1852. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 21(4): 354.

Type: Smith (1935) fails to mention the location of the type of this taxon. *Calotes maria* Gray, 1845 is unrepresented in the ZSI collection.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Calotes maria* Gray, 1845.

SCINCIDAE

Euprepes macularius var. *subunicolor* Blanford, 1879a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 48: 112.

Type: Smith (1935) does not mention the location of the types, giving the type locality as Central Provinces, although Blanford (1879) mentioned that his types were collected from 'Godávari around Dumagudem' (in Andhra Pradesh, south-eastern India). The ZSI has no specimens of *Mabuya macularia* (Blyth, 1853) from this locality.

Current status: Secondary homonym of *Mabuya macularia* (Blyth, 1853).

Euprepes novem-carinatus Anderson, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(1): 12.

Type: Reported to be in Calcutta (= IMMR, now ZSI), by Smith (1935), where it cannot be located at present, from 'Mandalay, Upper Burmah' (in central Myanmar).

Current status: *Mabuya novemcarinata* (Anderson, 1871a).

Lissonota maculata Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 653.

Type: Smith (1935) reported the type as lost, and the ZSI has no specimens from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current status: *Sphenomorphus maculatus* (Blyth, 1853).

Lygosoma dussumieri var. *concolor* Annandale, 1905c. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal n.s. 1(5): 145.

Type: Smith (1935) reported the type as being in Calcutta (= IMMR, now ZSI). The ZSI has no specimens from 'Canara' (at present in Karnataka State, south-

western India).

Current status: *Sphenomorphus dussumieri* (Duméril & Bibron, 1839).

Anguidae

Ophiseps tessellatus Blyth, 1853. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(7): 655.

Type: Holotype lost, according to Smith (1935), from 'Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ophisaurus gracilis* (Gray, 1845).

Lacertidae

Cabrita Jerdoni Beddome, 1870. Madras Monthly J. Med. Sci. 1870: 34.

Type: Smith (1935) reported the type as lost, the species being based on a single specimen from 'Colegal and Caverypooram' (both in Karnataka State, south-western India).

Current status: *Ophisops minor nictans* Arnold, 1989.

Remarks: *Ophisops minor nictans* Arnold, 1989 is a replacement name for *Cabrita jerdonii* Beddome, 1870.

Pseudophiops Theobaldi Jerdon, 1870. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870: 71.

Type: Smith (1935) did not mention the location of the type of *Pseudophiops Theobaldi* Jerdon, 1870, whose type locality is Alpine Punjab (in either northern Pakistan or Himachal Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Ophisops jerdoni* Blyth, 1853.

Varanidae

Hydrosaurus ocellarius Blyth in Theobald, 1878. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 47(2): 21.

Type: Type locality not mentioned in the original description, the species presented by the Melbourne Institution, suggesting that the provenance of the type is Australia.

Current status: Although considered a subjective synonym of *Varanus gouldii* (Gray, 1838), by Mertens (1963), W. Böhme (in litt., 14 May, 1998) suggests that it may be an older name of the taxon referred to as *Varanus panoptes* Storr, 1980.

? *Varanus bibrornii* Blyth, 1842. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 11: 869.

Type: Smith (1935) did not mention the location of the type, whose collection locality is unknown.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Varanus bengalensis* (Daudin, 1802).

T. (sic for V. [= *Varanus*] *ornatus* Carlleyle, 1869. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 38(3): 192.

Type: Location of type not known; from 'Neighbourhood of Sikandra, near Agra' (in Uttar Pradesh, northern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Varanus griseus* (Daudin, 1803).

Typhlopidae

Typhlops Andamanensis Stoliczka, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(2): 428.

Type: Although reported to be in Calcutta (= IMMR; now ZSI), and declared lost by Smith (1943), the holotype, from 'Andaman islands' (in the Bay of Bengal, India), is present in the collection of NMW, according to Hahn (1980) and Tiedemann et al. (1994).

Current status: *Typhlops andamanensis* Stoliczka, 1871a.

Colubridae

Calamaria catenata Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 287.

Type: Holotype lost, according to Smith (1943), from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current name: *Oligodon catenatus* (Blyth, 1854).

Cantoria dayana Stoliczka, 1870a. Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 1870(4): 107.

Type: ZSI 8195, from 'mouth of Moulmein R.' (= Mawlamyine, southern Myanmar) is listed as the holotype in the register (and in Slater, 1891b), although the specimen cannot be located at present (see also Smith, 1943). The type locality in the original description is given as 'near Amherst at the mouth of the Moulmein river' (= Kyaikkami, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Cantoria violacea* Girard, 1857.

Chlorophis Oldhami Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 50.

Type: Type not traced, from 'Simla' (= Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, northern India; in error).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Philothamnus hoplogaster* (Günther, 1863).

Coluber vittacaudatus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(7): 655.

Type: Type not traced, from 'vicinity of Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: *Coluber vittacaudatus* Blyth, 1854.

Remarks: Not included in Günther (1864), Boulenger (1890) or Smith (1943). Considered a valid species by Van Wallach (pers. comm., 1998).

Coronella taeniolata Jerdon, '1853' 1854b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(6): 528.

Type: Type not traced, from 'Madras' (= Chennai, Tamil Nadu State, south-eastern India. It is possible, however that the types originated from Madras Presidency, then comprising a large portion of southern India).

Current status: *Oligodon taeniolatus* (Jerdon, '1853' 1854b).

Fordonia bicolor Theobald, 1868a. J. Linnean Soc. 10: 56.

Type: Smith (1945) does not mention the location of the type, which was collected from 'near Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Fordonia leucobalia* (Schlegel, 1837).

Gonyosoma dorsale Anderson, 1872a. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 395.

Types: ZSI 7676-77 (syntypes), from 'Shiraz, Persia' (= Iran). Syntypes could not be located at present.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Coluber rhodorachis* (Jan, 1865).

Homalopsis crassa Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 300.

Type: Type not traced, from 'North Carolina' (in North America).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Farancia abacura* (Holbrook, 1836).

Hypsirhina maculata Blanford, 1879b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 48(3): 130.

Type: ZSI 8207 (holotype), from 'Pegu..(probably in the neighbourhood of Bassein)' (= Bago, in southern Myanmar). The holotype has not been located.

Current status: *Enhydris maculosa* Blanford, 1881 (see 'Remarks').

Remarks: *Hypsirhina maculosa* Blanford, 1881 is a replacement name for *Hypsirhina maculata* Blanford, 1879, which is occupied by *Hypsirhina maculata* Duméril, Bibron and Duméril, 1854.

Ophites fasciatus Anderson, '1878' 1879.

Anat. Zool. Res. Yunnan Exped. 1: 827. Type: Type not traced, from 'Ponsee' (= Pengxi, western Yunnan Province, southern China). Some of Anderson's other herpetological types from the Yunnan Expedition are in the ZSI.

Current status: *Lycodon fasciatus* (Anderson, '1878' 1879).

Pareas modestus Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 51.

Type: Originally registered as ASB 85a, from 'Rangoon' (= Yangon, southern Myanmar), and subsequently, ZSI 8028, the register entry for 13 May, 1921 was, 'Stolen from almirah in lab'.

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Pareas macularius* Blyth in Theobald, 1868a.

Tropidonotus bellulus Stoliczka, 1871a. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 40(2): 432.

Type: Lost, according to Smith (1943), from 'N. Western Pegu' (= Bago, southern Myanmar).

Current status: *Xenochrophis bellulus* (Stoliczka, 1871a), according to Malnate & Underwood (1985).

Tropidonotus dipsas Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 297.

Type: Type not traced, from 'vicinity of Darjiling' (in West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Rhabdophis chrysargos* (Schlegel, 1837).

Tropidonotus monticolus Jerdon, '1853' 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(6): 530.

Type: Holotype lost, according to Smith (1943), from 'Wynnaad' (= Wynad, Kerala, south-western India).
 Current status: *Amphiesma monticola* (Jerdon, 1853).

Tropidonotus zebrinus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 295.

Type: Holotype not traced, from 'Mergui' (= Myeik or Beik, in southern Myanmar).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Rhabdophis chrysargos* (Schlegel, 1837).

Ulupe davisoni Blanford, 1878. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 47(3): 128.

Type: Deposited at Calcutta (= IMMR; now ZSI), according to Smith (1943), the holotype cannot be located at present. The original description gave the type locality as 'Tenasserim Burmaniae...Tavoy' and 'at the foot of Nawlabú Hill, east of Tavoy..at an elevation of about 1,500 feet above the sea' (in southern Myanmar. The current name for Tavoy is Dawei).

Current status: *Dryocalamus davisoni* (Blanford, 1878).

Elapidae

Bungarus multicinctus Blyth, 1860. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 29(1): 88.

Type: The holotype has been reported as lost by Smith (1943) and Toriba (1993b), from 'Amoy' (= Ziamen City, Fujian Province, eastern China) or 'Formosa' (= Taiwan, Republic of China). For a discussion on the type locality, see Zhao and Adler (1993: 265). Current status: *Bungarus multicinctus* Blyth, 1860.

Elaps personatus Blyth, 1854. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 23(3): 297.

Types: Types not traced, from 'Asám' (then comprising the modern day Assam State, in addition to much of the rest of north-eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Callophis maclellandii* (Reinwardt, 1844).

HYDROPHIIDAE

Hydrophis granosa Anderson, 1871c. Proc. Zool Soc. London 1871: 191.

Type: The holotype was reported lost by Smith (1926), from 'Sand Heads' (in southern West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Tentatively treated as a subjective synonym of *Astrotia stokesii* Gray, 1846, by Smith (1926).

Hydrophis Guentheri Theobald, 1868b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal (Extra number 88) 37: 69.

Type: Holotype not traced, from 'probably Sandheads' (in southern West Bengal State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Hydrophis gracilis* (Shaw, 1802).

Hydrophis nigra Anderson, 1872a. Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1872: 399.

Type: Holotype not traced, from 'Puri, Cuttack coast, India' (in Orissa State, eastern India).

Current status: Subjective synonym of *Thalassophis viperinus* Schmidt, 1852.

Viperidae

Trigonocephalus (Cophias) malabaricus Jerdon, '1853' 1854b. J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal 22(6): 523.

Type: Holotype reported lost by Smith (1943) and Toriba (1993b). Type locality not specifically mentioned, the species reported as being 'not uncommon in all the forests of the West Coast' (of peninsular India).

Current status: *Trimeresurus malabaricus* (Jerdon, 1853).

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