

SKULL AND TEETH.—Skull fairly lightly built not heavily ridged. Nasals narrowing to a point posteriorly and extending beyond the premaxillary suture. Bullæ somewhat dilated, more so than in *M. validus*, but not approaching those of *M. annandalii* and *M. bullatus* or those of the *rattus* group. Teeth large, larger than those of the much larger animal, *Mus validus*.

MEASUREMENTS.—Collector's external measurements taken in the flesh: head and body, 182 (236);* tail, 239 (280); hind-foot, 45 (45.5); ear, 21 (23) mm.

Cranial measurements: greatest length, 48 (53.7); basilar length, 37.9 (44.7); palatilar length, 22.5 (24.4); breadth between anterior molars, 4.0 (4.8); length of palatal foramina, 8.1 (8.3); diastema, 12.2 (14.2); length of upper molar row, 10.0 (9.6); median length of nasals, 18.6 (22.7); greatest breadth of combined nasals, 5.6 (5.9); interorbital breadth, 7.0 (8.2); cranial breadth, 18.5 (20.0); zygomatic breadth, 22.5 (26.9).

SPECIMENS EXAMINED.—Two, the type and a sub-adult female from Ginting Bidei, Selangor (Selangor Museum, No. 1798/09).

REMARKS.—This rat is evidently the peninsular representative of the Sumatran *Mus muelleri*, Jentink, the type of which is stated by Miller † to be a immature animal lacking the posterior portion of the skull so that no actual comparison is possible. The dimensions given being those of a mounted specimen can also only be regarded as very approximate.

ON A HORNED OWL, NEW TO THE MALAY PENINSULA.

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BUBO COROMANDUS. KLOSSII, subsp. nov.

A LOCAL race of *Bubo coromandus* from Peninsular India but very much darker than the typical form.

ADULT MALE.—Above dull brown, head, ear-coverts and mantle slightly darker; the nape and outer webs of the secondaries vermiculated with whitish brown, the former with dark shaft stripes. The under-surface throughout vermiculated with dark brown and whitish-brown and with broad blackish-brown shaft stripes. Feathers of the thighs, under wing-coverts and under tail-coverts similar but more buff. Iris yellow, bill greenish-horn with black base, feet leaden. Total length, 21.5; wing, 15.7; tail, 8.7; tarsus, 2.55; bill from gape, 1.55 inch.

TYPE.—Adult male, Gunong Semanggol, North Perak, Malay Peninsula, collected on 22nd May, 1910, by E. Seimund.

* Measurements in parentheses those of an adult female, *Mus validus* (Selangor Museum, No. 1854/11) from Maxwell's Hill, Taiping, Perak.

† "Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus." xxxiv, p. 647 (1909).

Another specimen from Malacca secured by Dr. Maingay is in the Tweeddale collection in the British Museum, while two mounted specimens from unspecified localities in the Raffles Museum, Singapore, are probably referable to this form.

REMARKS.—According to Blanford ["Faun. Brit. Ind. Birds," iii, p. 287 (1895)], *Bubo coromandus* has not been recorded from further south than Aracan so that the present occurrence is a very considerable extension in range. I have been unable to examine adult Chinese specimens which may possibly prove identical with this and not the Indian race.