

*Rhipidura aureola compressirostris*. (In the Eastern Ghats Report, JBNHS, Vol. 36, Pp. 92, Whistler doubted Fairbanks's record since the latter had omitted *R. pectoralis*).

*Strix i. indranee*

*Astur t. trivirgatus*

*Accipiter nisus nisosimilis*

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### 13. EXTENSION OF RANGE OF THE LIZARD *CNEMASPIS* *KANDIANA* (KELAART)

On 16th January 1953, I picked up a lizard in the dak bungalow at Yellapur, North Kanara, which was identified at the Indian Museum as *Cnemaspis kandiana* (Kelaart). On 31st November 1954 another was obtained under a stone in forest at Mahableshwar, 4,500 ft., Satara District, Bombay. Subsequently V. K. Chari and J. C. Daniel of the Prince of Wales Museum obtained two more at Mahableshwar on 10th December 1954, one in a house and the other under a stone.

The Fauna (Smith, 1935) gives the distribution as 'Ceylon and hills of Southern India as far north as latitude 12°; Jog, North Kanara Dist., where Dr. Rao collected a single specimen in 1928; the Andaman Islands; islands west of Sumatra'. The present records, therefore, constitute a considerable northward extension of the known range of this species.

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### 14. PYTHONS

The note on the congregation of Pythons, by Mr. Frank Nicholls in the Miscellaneous Notes of the *Journal* for Aug.-Dec. 1954, is of considerable interest, but it would appear that this habit is not of such unusual occurrence as might be supposed.

On Christmas Eve 1934, I was on a shooting party in the Darjeeling foothills. We were beating for junglefowl on some grassy islands in the bed of the Sivoke River about a mile above its junction with the Teesta, at about 400 ft. elevation. I was on an elephant with the beaters when one of the men came running up, saying that he had just seen a large snake. I turned the elephant back, and the man led me to a pile of dead grass and leaves and said the snake was lying inside it. I dismounted from the elephant and poked around in the heap of grass with a stick, whereupon a large python stuck its head out and hissed at me. I shot it then and there and, as it wriggled about in its death throes a second python emerged



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