

Ring No. and species	Date and place of ringing	Date and place of recovery	Remarks
US Fish & Wildlife Service 647-27146 <i>Catharacta skua</i> <i>maccormicki</i> Dark-phase bird	5.3.1961. Gonzales Videla Base, Antarctic Peninsula (c. 64°49 S., 62°51 W., a Chilean International Geophysical Year Station in the Antarctic. Ringed by the United States Antarctic Research Program (U. S. A. R. P.) Bird Banding Project, Antarctica	× (died in captivity), 7.8.1964. Udyavara (South Kanara), Udipi (c. 13°23 N., 74°45 E.), Mysore State	Captured by Mr. Pappu Marakala of Udyavara and brought to Mr. M. Madhva Raj, M.L.A., Malpe, South Kanara

Note. + = shot or killed by man.

× = found dead, or ill/exhausted, and eventually died.

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21. PLANTS EATEN BY *UROMASTIX MICROLEPIS* BLANFORD AND OTHER NOTES ON THIS LIZARD IN EASTERN ARABIA

I was very interested in what Mr. Mandaville has written in your publication (*J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* Vol. 62, No. 1) for April 1965.

My experience in Kuwait with young spinytailed lizards, which used to be given to us for the children to play with, was that they would eat green *alfalfa*, which we gave them daily in their box.

As Mr. Mandaville observed, the full grown lizards in captivity would eat nothing.

That they eat locusts also is possible. I quote from *THE ARAB OF THE DESERT*, by H. R. P. Dickson :

‘In 1932 . . . I remember once, when coming home with my wife from the Batin by car, meeting a swarm of locusts flying very low across the plain west of Jahra. It was near sunset, and we saw several full sized *dhubs* and *wurral* on the side of the track chasing the flying locusts and jumping in the air to catch them. We were so much interested at the sight that we stopped our car and watched for some five minutes,



Dickson, V P. 1965. "Plants Eaten by Uromastix Microlepis Blanford and Other Notes on This Lizard in Eastern Arabia." *The journal of the Bombay Natural History Society* 62, 565–565.

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