

feet and digits, keeping its whole body off the ground. It cannot move or walk on a vertical wall but sometimes raises the whole body vertically with the support of the forelimbs on the wall and the tip of the tail on the ground. Information regarding the natural habitat of this lizard is not well known.

IDENTIFICATION AND REMARKS:

Four species of the Fat-tailed Gecko belonging to genus *Eublepharis* Grey are so far known from the Indian region, of which *E. hardwickii* Grey is known to occur in the Eastern Indian states with particularly in Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal (Smith, 1935). The present specimen has been identified as *Eublepharis hardwickii* Grey

of its occurrence and rarity. In addition, the present specimen exhibits a noteworthy variation in its measurement (145 mm. vs 195 mm as referred by Smith, 1935) and colouration or banding pattern (a single creamy band at the base of the tail vs 4-5 creamy bands as referred by Smith, 1935). The tail of the present specimen is dotted with deep brown spots instead of bands as described by Smith (1935). In spite of these variations, it is not possible to describe this specimen as a new variety, since the present find is based on a single specimen.

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