

XXXVI.—*Description of a new Chinese Squirrel.*

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I OWE to the kindness of Mr. F. W. Styan, of Shanghai, the opportunity of describing the following striking new species of squirrel :—

*Sciurus pyrrhomerus*, sp. n.

Allied to and of the same size as *S. rufigenis*, Blanf., and *S. Pernyi*, M.-Edw., with both of which it shares the olivaceous back, grey and white belly, yellowish post-auricular spots, and characteristically coloured tail, white-grizzled black above and brilliant red below. Sides of cheeks with a vague orange suffusion; anal region greyish white, like rest of underside. A large and prominent blotch on the outer side of each thigh brilliant rufous.

Skull with an enormously elongated muzzle, far longer than that of either of the above-named species, and but little excelled even by *S. (Rhinosciurus) laticaudatus*, a very different squirrel in all other respects. Postorbital processes very short.

Dimensions of the type (an adult female, in skin) :—

Head and body 220 millim.; tail 124; hind foot 49.

Skull: greatest length 58; greatest breadth 30; nasals  $19.2 \times 6$ ; tip of nasals to middle of a line connecting anterior corners of orbits 27; interorbital breadth 16.2; postorbital processes, length behind 2.4; palate length from henselion 25; diastema 14; upper molar series (excluding  $p.^3$ ) 9.2.

*Hab.* Ichang, Yang-tse-kiang.

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This handsomely marked squirrel may be readily distinguished from its only near allies, *S. rufigenis* and *S. Pernyi*, by having no red either on the cheeks or anal region and by the red patch on the hips. Its extraordinarily long muzzle also widely separates it from any of its allies.

XXXVII.—*On the Structure of the Skull in Peloneustes philarchus, a Pliosaur from the Oxford Clay.* By C. W. ANDREWS, F.G.S., Assistant in the Geological Department, British Museum.

[Plate XIII.]

THE structure of the skull in the post-triassic Sauroptrygia is still in some respects very imperfectly known, a circumstance that may be accounted for partly by the comparatively



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