

ADDITIONAL NEW MAMMAL RECORDS FROM NEPAL *

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Neuf espèces de mammifères appartenant à quatre ordres différents ont été signalées au Népal pour la première fois. Une courte description de chaque espèce, comprenant sa biologie et son écologie générale, est aussi donnée.

INTRODUCTION

For centuries Nepal remained closed to foreigners. In 1952, scientists were officially permitted to enter the country. Due to these previous restrictions, little information has been published concerning the mammal fauna.

Mammals were collected throughout Nepal from August 1967 to August 1970 as part of the Nepal Ectoparasite Program of which the senior author was Field Chief. Over 4,000 specimens representing 130 species of free-living terrestrial mammals were obtained. Eighteen mammals were collected for the first time from Nepal, of which two species are new to science.

1. ORDER INSECTIVORA

Family SORICIDAE

Sorex minutus thibetanus Kastchenko, 1905

5 specimens : Dhorpatan (28°33'N, 83°05'E), 1 ; Maharigaon (29°21'N, 82°23'E), 1 ; Mustang (29°12'N, 83°57'E), 3.

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