

RE-DESCRIPTION OF AN AUSTRALIAN SKINK.

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LYGOSOMA MACCOEYI, *sp. nov.**

HABIT lacertiform; the distance between the end of the snout and the fore limb is contained once and two-fifths in the distance between the axilla and groin. Snout short, obtusely rounded. Lower eyelid with an undivided transparent disc. Nostril pierced in the nasal; no supra-nasals; † fronto-nasal much broader than long, forming a broad suture with the rostral, and a narrow one with the frontal; prefrontals large, much bent down on the sides; ‡ frontal pentagonal, forming a rounded angle posteriorly, equal in length to or but little shorter than the frontoparietal, and in contact with the two anterior supraoculars; four supraoculars, the second the largest: seven supraciliaries; frontoparietal single, followed by a small interparietal; parietals forming a median suture behind the interparietal; a pair of nuchals and a pair of temporals bordering the parietals; fifth upper labial much the largest, entering the eye. Ear-opening oval, slightly smaller than the transparent palpebral disc, with a single obtuse lobule anteriorly. Thirty-two scales round the middle of the body, the dorsals very indistinctly bi- or tricarinate, the laterals a little smaller than the dorsals or ventrals; preanal scales slightly enlarged. The hind limb when stretched forward reaches the elbow; fingers four, toes five; sub-digital lamellæ twenty to twenty three under the fourth toe. Tail one-third longer than the head and body. *Colors*—Above rich olive-brown, most of the scales from the shoulders to nearly the end of the tail with two or three light-blue longitudinal pencillings which are generally edged with black; these are absent on the sides of the body, but present on those of the tail; in some specimens there are two broad orange lateral bands between the limbs, separated by a blue band; in others a single orange band bordered above and below by blue, while in a third section the orange is

*Since publishing the description of the original specimen in the Proc. Linn. Soc., N.S. Wales, Dec., 1889, several fine specimens have been received, the examination of which necessitates the amplification of that description as here given.

†In one specimen there is a large supra-nasal on one side, which is wanting on the other.

‡In one specimen these shields are in contact with the second upper labial.