

more coppery hue than in those figured in the British Museum Catalogue, Vol. iv., pl. xi., representing *P. castaneiventris* (Verr.).

DICEUM ÆNEUM, *Pucher. et Jacq.*

This handsome species was first described from a female by Hombroun & Jacquinot, in *Voy. au Pôle Sud.*, pl. 22, fig. 4, 1815, under the name of *Dicée bronze*, and afterwards by Pucheran and Jacquinot, *Voy. au Pôle Sud. Zool.* p. 97 (1853), as *D. æneum*.

DENDROCHELIDON MYSTACEA, *Less.*

A peculiar and interesting form which seems to be dispersed over the whole of the Solomon Islands, the Louisiades, South-eastern New Guinea, the New Britain Group, and also in the Malay Archipelago. It nests in trees, much after the habit of the Wood-Swallows (*Artamus*), and the nest is made of sticks and twigs; the eggs, 3 or 4 in number, are oblong, and white without any markings.

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## PART II.

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### Reptilia.

CROCODILUS POROSUS, *Schu.* One immature example.

GEHYRA OCEANICA, *Less.* One specimen.

GECKO VITTATUS, *Houtt.* Seven specimens.

VARANUS INDICUS, *Daud.* Two specimens.

CORUCIA ZEBRATA, *Gray.* One specimen.

LYGOSOMA SMARAGDINUM, *Less.* Six specimens.

„ CYANURUM, *Less.* Two specimens.

„ CYANOGASTER, *Less.* Two specimens.

LYGOSOMA STRIATO-FASCIATUM, *sp. nov.*

Habit stout; 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. Lorcal region vertical. Lower eyelid scaly. Nostril pierced between a nasal and a supra-nasal, the latter being the smaller. Frontonasal one-fourth broader than long, forming an equally broad suture with the rostral and the frontal; prefrontals small; frontal heptagonal, the two posterior sides forming a right angle, in contact with the two anterior supraoculars, and rather shorter than the frontoparietals and parietals together; four supraoculars, the second slightly larger than the third; eight supraciliaries, the first the largest; frontoparietals distinct, equal in length to