

## ON SOME UNDESCRIBED REPTILES AND FISHES FROM AUSTRALIA.

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TYPHLOPS CURTUS, *sp. nov.*

Habit stout. Snout obtusely rounded, and moderately prominent; nostrils inferior. Rostral narrow, its upper portion three and two-thirds in the width of the head, extending to between the anterior margins of the eyes; nasal incompletely divided, the cleft originating above the first labial, forming a suture with the prefrontal; preocular smaller than the ocular. Eye distinct. Prefrontal very large, much larger than the supraoculars; frontal and parietals not larger than the body-scales. Four upper labials. Diameter of body twenty-four times in the total length. Tail longer than broad, ending in a strong, short, conical spine, which scarcely projects beyond the surrounding scales. Twenty-three series of scales round the middle of the body, the dorsals and laterals smooth, the abdominals conspicuously raised along the median line, with numerous faint carinations on the basal half, and with the tips free.

*Colors.*—Pale reddish-brown above, each scale broadly margined with gray; head-shields darker, chestnut-brown with a yellow margin; lower surfaces yellow.

*Dimensions.*

Total length	...	...	...	275	mm.
Head	...	...	...	7	"
Width of head	...	...	...	7	"
Body	...	...	...	259	"
Tail	...	...	...	9	"
Breadth of tail	...	...	...	8	"

*Habitat.*—Walsh River, Gulf of Carpentaria.

*Type.*—In the Australian Museum, presented by E. G. Braddon, Esq. Reg. No. R. 1132.

HOPLOCEPHALUS SUBOCCIPITALIS, *sp. nov.*

Body moderate. Head depressed, rather small. Eye of moderate size, its diameter rather more than half the length of the snout, with rounded pupil; supraciliary ridge but little developed. The height of the rostral is three-fourths of its breadth, its upper margin rounded, just visible from above; length of the frontonasals five-sevenths of that of the prefrontals,