

NOTES ON SOME REPTILES AND BATRACHIANS
FROM THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF PAPUA,
WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES
OF *APISTHOCALAMUS* AND
LYGOSOMA.

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This paper is based on a small collection of reptiles and batrachians collected by Mr. C. T. McNamara in the Mount Lamington district, Northern Division, Papua, during August and September, 1927, and presented to the Trustees of the Australian Museum, Sydney. The following is a list of the species collected:—

BATRACHIA.

HYLA NASUTA Gray.

One typical specimen.

HYLA INFRAFRENATA Günther.

Two very large specimens were collected, and some of their characters suggest such a close affinity to *Hyla spengeli* Boulenger, that in all probability an examination of a larger series of these two species would show them to be synonymous. These two *Hylas* together with the following four: *H. sanguineolenta*, *H. humeralis*, *H. militaria*, and *H. aruensis*, form a most interesting group, and a very closely allied one, but unfortunately there is not a large enough series in the Museum collection to enable any work to be done regarding their status.

HYLOPHORBUS sp.

Several specimens which appear to belong to this genus were sent by Mr. McNamara to the Sydney University and were later submitted to me for identification. Before their identity can be determined, a closer examination of the skeletal characters will have to be made, and I have requested Mr. McNamara to collect some more specimens for dissection purposes. There appears to be little doubt that it will prove to be a new species.

OPHIDIA.

ENYGRUS ASPER Günther.

A well marked, medium sized specimen, having 36 scales round the body and 17 rows of subcaudals.