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Torquatrix, part., *Haworth, Phil. Mag.* 1825, p. 372.

Cylindrophis, *Wagler, Icon. Amph.* (1828), and *Syst. Amph.* p. 195 (1830); *Dum. & Bibr. Erp. Gén.* vi. p. 590 (1844); *Gray, Cat. Sn.* p. 111 (1849); *Günth. Rept. Brit. Ind.* p. 178 (1864); *Jan, Icon. Gén. Ophid.* p. 55 (1865); *Bouleng. Faun. Ind., Rept.* p. 249 (1890).

Teeth moderate, subequal, 10 to 12 in each maxillary; none in præmaxillary. Head small, not distinct from neck; eyes very small, with round or vertically subelliptic pupil, distinct from the neighbouring shields; head with large symmetrical shields; nostril in a single nasal, which forms a suture with its fellow behind the rostral; no loreal or præocular; a small postocular; a mental groove. Body cylindrical; scales smooth, in 19 or 21 rows; ventrals feebly enlarged. Tail extremely short and blunt.

Ceylon and South-eastern Asia east of the Bay of Bengal.

Synopsis of the Species.

I. Diameter of the eye about half its distance from the nostril; interocular width more than the length of the snout.

1. *rufus*, p. 135.

II. Diameter of the eye one third to one fourth its distance from the nostril; interocular width equal to the length of the snout.

Parietals at least as large as the frontal 2. *maculatus*, p. 136.

Parietals smaller than the frontal 3. *lineatus*, p. 137.

1. *Cylindrophis rufus*.

Anguis rufa, *Laur. Syn. Rept.* p. 71 (1768).

— *scytale*, *Russell, Ind. Serp.* ii. pls. xxvii. & xxviii. (1801).

— *corallina*, *Shaw, Zool.* iii. p. 582, pl. cxxxi. (1802).

Eryx rufus, *Daud. Rept.* vii. p. 263 (1803).

Tortrix rufa, *Merr. Tent.* p. 84 (1820); *Schleg. Phys. Serp.* ii. p. 9, pl. i. figs. 1-3 (1837), and *Abbild.* p. 111, pl. xxxiii. figs. 11-17 (1844).

Scytale scheuchzeri, *Merr. l. c.* p. 91.

Ilysia rufa, *Lichtenst. Verz. Doubl.* p. 104 (1823).

Cylindrophis resplendens, *Wagl. Icon. Amph.* pl. v. fig. 1 (1828).

— *melanotus*, *Wagl. l. c. (annot.)*; *Dum. & Bibr.* vi. p. 592 (1844); *Gray, Cat.* p. 111 (1849).

— *rufa*, *Gray, Zool. Misc.* p. 46 (1842); *Dum. & Bibr.* vi. p. 595 (1844); *Cantor, Cat. Mal. Rept.* p. 53 (1847); *Gray, Cat.* p. 111; *Günth. Rept. Brit. Ind.* p. 179 (1864); *Jan, Icon. Gén.* p. 56, l. 9, pl. iv. figs. 1 & 2 (1865); *Theob. Cat. Rept. Brit. Ind.* p. 127 (1876); *Anders. Zool. Res. Yunnan*, p. 808 (1879); *Bouleng. Faun. Ind., Rept.* p. 250, fig. (1890).

Diameter of the eye about half its distance from the nostril; the distance between the eyes greater than the length of the snout; frontal at least as large as the supraocular, larger than the parietals, at least as long as its distance from the rostral; six upper labials, third and fourth entering the eye. Scales in 19 or 21 rows. Ventrals not twice as large as the contiguous scales, 186-245; anal

divided; subcaudals 5-10. Brown or black above, with or without alternating light cross bands; belly white with transverse black bands or spots, or black with transverse white bands; lower surface of tail bright vermilion during life.

Total length 770 millim.

Burma and Cochinchina to the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago.

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b. ♀, with young (V. 208; C. 7).	Pegu.	W. Theobald, Esq. [C.].
c. Yg. (V. 185; C. 5).	Siam.	Sir R. Schomburgk [P.].
d. ♀ (V. 196; C. 6).	Camboja.	M. Mouhot [C.].
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f. Hgr. (V. 211; C. 5).	Singapore.	Dr. Dennys [P.].
g. ♀ (V. 197; C. 7).	Singapore.	
h, i-k. ♀ (V. 187, 193, 186; C. 6, 6, 5).	Pinang.	Gen. Hardwicke [P.].
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m. ♀ (V. 207; C. 6).	Borneo.	Sir J. Brooke [P.].
n. Hgr. (V. 200; C. 6).	Borneo.	A. R. Wallace, Esq. [C.].
o-p. ♀ (V. 205, 207; C. 7, 6).	Rejang River, Sarawak.	Brooke Low, Esq. [P.].
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s, t. ♂ (V. 242; C. 9) & ♀ (V. 186; C. 6).	Celebes.	
u-y. ♂ (V. 237, 245, 241; C. 8, 9, 8) & ♀ (V. 212, 217; C. 7, 7).	Manado.	Dr. A. B. Meyer [C.].
z-a. ♂ (V. 240, 239; C. 9, 10).	N. Celebes.	Dr. A. B. Meyer [C.]
β. Skel.	Java.	R. Kirkpatrick, Esq. [P.].

2. *Cylindrophis maculatus*.

Anguis maculata, Linn. *Mus. Ad. Frid.* p. 21, pl. xxi. fig. 3 (1754),
and *S. N.* i. p. 391 (1766); *Laur. Syn. Rept.* p. 72 (1768);
Russell, Ind. Serp. ii. pl. xxix. (1801); *Daud. Rept.* vii. p. 319
(1803).

— *decussata*, *Laur. l. c.*

Tortrix maculatus, *Oppel, Ordn. Rept.* p. 56 (1811); *Guér. Icon.
R. A., Rept.* pl. xix. fig. 1 (1830); *Schleg. Phys. Serp.* ii. p. 12,
pl. i. figs. 6 & 7 (1837).

Ilysia maculata, *Lichtenst. Verz. Doubl.* p. 104 (1823).

Cylindrophis maculata, *Gray, Zool. Misc.* p. 46 (1842); *Dum. &
Bibr. vi.* p. 597 (1844); *Gray, Cat.* p. 112 (1849); *Günth. Rept.
Brit. Ind.* p. 179 (1864); *Jan, Icon. Gén.* p. 56, l. 9, pl. iv. fig. 3
(1865); *Bouleng. Faun. Ind., Rept.* p. 251 (1890).

Diameter of the eye one third to one fourth its distance from the
nostril; the distance between the eyes equals the length of the

e. Hgr. ♂ (V. 138; C. 72).	Singapore.	Dr. Dennys [P.].
f-g. Hgr. ♂ (V. 146, 135; C. ♀, 80).	District of Deli, Sumatra.	Prof. Moesch [C.].
h-l. ♀ (V. 145, 146, 144, 145; C. ♀, ♀, ♀, 94).	Nias.	Hr. Sundermann [C.].
m-p. ♂ (V. 140, 139; C. ♀, ♀) & ♀ (V. 139, 135; C. 73, 70).	Borneo.	L. L. Dillwyn, Esq. [P.].
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r-t. ♂ (V. 132; C. 81) & yg. (V. 131, 132; C. 79, ♀).	Telang and Lihong Bahaja, S.E. Borneo.	Hr. Grabowsky [C.]. (Types of var. <i>annularis</i> .)
u. ♂ (V. 139; C. 69).	Java.	Dr. Ploem [C.].
v. Yg. (V. 146; C. ♀).	Ternate.	H.M.S. 'Challenger.'

24. *Tropidonotus petersii*. (PLATE XIV. fig. 1.)

Tropidonotus maculatus (*non Edeling*), *Peters, Mon. Berl. Ac.* 1871, p. 575.

— *sundanensis* (*non Günth.*), *Peters, Ann. Mus. Genova*, iii. 1872, p. 36.

Eye moderate. Rostral broader than deep, scarcely visible from above; internasals as broad as long, as long as the præfrontals; frontal once and one third as long as broad, as long as its distance from the end of the snout, shorter than the parietals; loreal deeper than long; one præ- and three or four postoculars; temporals 2+3; nine upper labials, fourth, fifth, and sixth entering the eye; five lower labials in contact with the anterior chin-shields, which are shorter than the posterior. Scales in 19 rows, all strongly keeled. Ventrals 140-150; anal divided; subcaudals 65-78. Brown above, with small black spots; a lateral series of black spots; upper surface of head dark olive, vermiculated with black; labials yellowish, with black sutures; yellowish inferiorly, the shields edged with black.

Total length 370 millim.; tail 100.

Borneo.

a. Hgr. ♂ (V. 140; C. 76). Borneo. A. R. Wallace, Esq. [C.].

II. *NERODIA*.—Maxillary teeth not more than 30, the hinder gradually enlarged. Eyes rather small and, like the nostrils, directed upwards and outwards; internasal shields usually much narrowed in front.

25. *Tropidonotus melanogaster*.

Tropidonotus grahamii, part., *Günth. Cat.* p. 78 (1858).

— *melanogaster*, *Peters, Mon. Berl. Ac.* 1864, p. 389; *Günth. Zool. Rec.* 1865, p. 154.

— *mesomelanus*, *Jan, Arch. Zool. Anat. Phys.* iii. 1865, p. 230, and *Icon. Gén.* 27, pls. v. fig. 3 & vi. fig. 2 (1868).