

ON THE OCCURRENCE IN TASMANIA OF *HYDROPHIS ORNATUS*, VARIETY *OCELLATUS*; WITH A NOTE ON *PELAMIS PLATURUS* (= *HYDRUS PLATURUS*)

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I. *Hydrophis ornatus*, variety *ocellatus* Gray.

In 1927 a sea-snake was captured at Scamander by Mr. K. Gatenby and Mr. Ransom. The animal was subsequently presented to the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston, by Mr. S. Tulloch Scott; and on making an examination of the specimen last year I came to the conclusion it was *Hydrophis ornatus*, variety *ocellatus* Gray. As the normal habitat of this species is the North Australian Coast (though an individual was caught in the Hawkesbury River, N.S.W., in 1925), the Scamander specimen was submitted to Mr. J. R. Kinghorn, C.M.Z.S., Zoologist, Australian Museum, Sydney, who kindly made an examination of it, and confirmed the determination. This adds a third species to the list of sea-snakes recorded from Tasmanian waters.

Dimensions: Total length, 1,310 mm.; tail, 150 mm.

Reference: Kinghorn, J. R.; "Snakes of Aus." (1929), p. 112.

II. *Pelamis platurus* (= *Hydrus platurus*).

The first specimen of *Pelamis platurus* (= *Hydrus platurus*) recorded from Tasmania was found at Scamander by Mr. J. Stanley Hodgson, and was made the subject of a paper to this Society by Mr. Clive E. Lord, Director, Tasmanian Museum, in 1919. The purpose of this note is to put on record the presence in the collection of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston, of a second specimen, captured at St. Helens by Mr. T. Haley (donated 10th February, 1921).

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