

L I S T

OF THE

OSTEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

IN

THE COLLECTION

OF THE

BRITISH MUSEUM.

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together, and those purchased have been almost all procured from collections received direct from their native habitats, and from persons whose authority gives additional importance to the specimens; and a large proportion of the skulls, &c. have been extracted from the skins which form part of the zoological series in the Museum collection; these skulls are marked with an asterisk (*), and the skulls and specimens are marked with the same MS. number.

To give some idea of the extent of the collection, the following table, exhibiting the number of specimens and species contained in different European collections is added.

	Mammalia.		Birds.		Reptiles.		Fishes.	
	Specimens.	Species.	Specimens.	Species.	Specimens.	Species.	Specimens.	Species.
British Museum	1766	742	961	523	309	137	59	33
Paris Collection	3178	636	1358	493	572	261	649	742
Leyden Collection	1000		500		200		300	
Coll. of Surgeons	1055	249	247	158	157	49	336	82

The number given for the College of Surgeons is taken from the Catalogue published in 1831; of the Paris Museum from the account of the collection published in the 'Nouvelles Annales du Museum' for 1833; and of the Leyden collection from notes communicated by M. Schlegel in 1836. The last published estimate of each collection.

The Museum is most imperfect as regards fishes and reptiles, but it is to be hoped this will shortly be remedied.

JOHN EDWARD GRAY.

British Museum,

Feb. 12th, 1847.

Skull. North America.

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The SWISS. *Tamias striatus*.

* Skull. Altai Mountains. From Mr. Brandt's collection.

SPERMOPHILUS, *F. Cuv.*

The RED-CHEEKED SOUSLIK. *Spermophilus erythrogenys*.

* Skull. Siberia.

The SOUSLIK. *Spermophilus concolor*.

* Skull. Moldavia.

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The SOUSLIK. *Spermophilus* ———

* Skull. Altai Mountains.

ARCTOMYS, *Schreb.*

The QUEBEC MARMOT or WEENUSK. *Arctomys Empetra*.

* Skull. Missouri, North America.

Skull. Presented by — Simeon, Esq.

Skull. Presented by Mr. Edward Gerrard.

The WHISTLER. *Arctomys pruinosus*.

Skull, imperfect. Hudson's Bay. Presented by the Hudson's Bay Company.

The SHIPI or CHUPL. *Arctomys Bobac*.

An imperfect Skull of adult. Thibet. Presented by B. H. Hodgson, Esq.

Skull without lower-jaw. Thibet. Presented by B. H. Hodgson, Esq.

The bones of the trunk and Skull. Thibet. Presented by B. H. Hodgson, Esq.

* Two Skulls, adult. Russia.

* Skull, young. Russia.

The THIBET MARMOT. *Arctomys Tibetanus*.

* Skull. Thibet. Presented by B. H. Hodgson, Esq.

SIPHENUS, *Brandt.*

The ZOKER. *Siphenus Aspalax*.

* Skull. Altai Mountains. From Mr. Brandt's collection.

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GEORYCHUS, *Illig.*

The SILKY GROUND RAT. *Georychus holosericeus*.

* Skull. South Africa.