

THE NATURALIST.

THE NEW RHINOCEROS AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

AS MANY AS FOUR DISTINCT SPECIES of rhinoceros may now be seen in the gardens of the Zoological Society's Regent's Park; and of the four strongly marked subtypes...

The Asiatic and African rhinoceroses are Asiatic and two African. The Asiatic has a great fold or crease of the skin behind the shoulder blades, and more or less of other such folds; whereas the African has no conspicuous ones...

The familiar systematic appellation Rhinoceros is restricted by Dr. Gray to the single-horned species, which are clad as if in a coat of mail...

The great one-horned rhinoceros (R. indicus, see unicornis) is that with which people are more familiar than it is represented by the huge full-grown pair at this time living in the Zoological Gardens...

The lesser one-horned rhinoceros (R. sondaicus, see javanicus) has the same general distribution, but is represented by an inhabiting within a few leagues of Calcutta...

The lesser one-horned rhinoceros would appear to be widely diffused over the Indo-Chinese countries, and it is numerous in the Malayan peninsula, and in the eastern portion of Java known as Sunda or Sunda.

The lesser one-horned rhinoceros would undoubtedly appear to be the most common of the two, and also to be the most abundant on the banks of the Mahāndī river...

Cerathorhinus of Dr. Gray. They are of smaller size and remarkably short in the body, with thick and clumsy limbs, the hide is comparatively thick and soft...

Unfortunately, the two (both of them fully-grown females) cannot at present be exhibited in close proximity, that the beholding is as much as they are able to bear...

inconspicuous; and the distance between the ears is proportionally much greater in lasiotis than in sumatranus, measuring about a foot in the former, and six (or at most seven) inches in the latter...

The hairy one will, in all probability, prove to be the two-horned species that inhabits the mountains which separate Arakan from Pegu, and also to be the two-horned rhinoceros which has been reported to occur sparingly in Assam...

The examples of both lasiotis and sumatranus in the Regent's Park collection have grown away their horns to the extent of nearly an inch, and the two-horned sumatranus attached to the skin, the anterior measuring above a foot in length...

In the African rhinoceros the skin is nude, with hardly a trace of hair even about the ears or tail-tip; and it is smooth and shining, like the hide of a tiger...

The division Rhinoceros is exemplified by the fine and now appearing in the Zoological Gardens, which has lately developed much into shape, and therefore may be regarded as having very nearly, if not quite, attained its full growth...

In Cerathorhinus the upper lip is broad and flat and non-prohensile, so that the animal becomes a grazer rather than a browser like the others...

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FIELD NOTES OF A NATURALIST IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE FIRST THING that strikes the attention of the naturalist in New Zealand is the extraordinary character of its fauna. Unlike that of any other country of equal extent on the face of the globe, there is an almost entire absence of mammals...

The two species of bats inhabiting New Zealand are found nowhere else. One is the New Zealand species of the Archipelago, the Bonin Islands, the Caroline and Marianne Archipelago, and Mauritius...

SALE OF ANIMALS AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANTWERP.

It will interest many of the readers of The Field to learn that the sale of the surplus animals at the Zoological Gardens at Antwerp will take place on Sept. 3 and 4...

NOTES AND QUESTIONS ON NATURAL HISTORY.

NESTING OF THE HYLICATCHER. I have the pleasure to inform C. H. that a pair of flycatchers have brought out a second brood here in the same nest.

WHITE SWALLOW.—As I was riding in the neighbourhood of Didsbury Forest, in the county of Chester, on the 7th inst. I observed a pair of white swallows...