A NEW FLYING SQUIRREL OF THE GENUS PETAURISTA FROM NORTHWESTERN SIAM

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Among a small collection of mammals received from Lt. Col. C. H. Stockley from northwestern Siam is a Petaurista closely allied to Petaurista cineraceus Blyth, but differing sufficiently in detail to warrant a new description.

Petaurista cineraceus stockleyi, new subspecies

Type.—No. 55836, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.; ♂, ad.; Melamoong, northwestern Siam, 2000 feet, altitude; March 11, 1933; collector, Lt. Col. C. H. Stockley. The type, procured from a native, is a skin without skull or measurements.

General Characters.—This animal closely resembles Petaurista cineraceus Blyth in size but is much darker and more richly colored than Burmese specimens in The American Museum of Natural History.

Description.—General color of the lower back gray, caused by the white banding of the black-tipped hairs, this banding continuing along the tail to within three inches of the tip which is black. Across the shoulders these white bands are replaced by Hay's russet (Ridgway), this color extending along the upper plane of the parachute. Occiput gray. Ring about eye, nose, and chin dark brown. Lower cheeks gray fading to white on the throat. Under parts white with abuffy wash on under plane of parachute becoming more intensified as it approaches the hind limbs. Forearms dark brown gradually darkening towards the extremities, the phalanges being black; the black extending along the lower surface of the arm and the edge of the parachute. The black is more extensive on the hind limbs, the entire foot being of that color, and extends along the edge of the membrane to the tail.

I take pleasure in naming this squirrel for Lt. Col. C. H. Stockley who has generously presented numerous specimens of Asiatic mammals to The American Museum of Natural History.