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## Notes on Bolivian Mammals. 5. Taxonomy and Distribution of *Bolomys* (Muridae, Rodentia)

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### ABSTRACT

The complex taxonomic history of the genus *Bolomys* Thomas, 1916, is reviewed, the diagnosis of *Bolomys* is revised, and the taxonomy and distribution of the three species now known from Bolivia are summarized. *Bolomys amoenus*, formerly known only from Peru, is reported from two central Bolivian localities at 3875 to 4000 m in

the department of Cochabamba, *B. lactens* of Argentina is now known from one Bolivian locality at 2100 m in Tarija, and *B. lenguarum* is known from dozens of localities mostly in the lowlands (below 500 m) of Beni and Santa Cruz but also up to 2500 m in Santa Cruz.

### RESUMEN

La historia taxonomica del género *Bolomys* Thomas, 1916, es revisado, el diagnostico es revisado, y la taxonomia y distribución de las tres especies conocidas hasta ahora de Bolivia son resumizados. *Bolomys amoenus*, antes conocido solamente en Perú, es descrita en dos localidades centrales de Bolivia de 3875 a 4000 m en el de-

partamento Cochabamba, *B. lactens* de Argentina es conocida ahora en una localidad boliviana a 2100 m en Tarija, y *B. lenguarum* es conocido en muchas localidades mayormente en las tierras bajas (menos de 500 m) de Beni y Santa Cruz, pero también hasta 2500 m en Santa Cruz.

### INTRODUCTION

The genus *Bolomys* Thomas, 1916, has a complex taxonomic history, which we here summarize and bring up to date. Until recently (Reig, 1987), there has not been a clear statement of diagnostic characters for the genus with a list of included species, nor an adequate discussion of why *Bolomys* is a genus rather than a subgenus of *Akodon*.

Representatives of *B. amoenus* and *B. lactens* discovered in the collections at the

American Museum of Natural History and the British Museum (Natural History) provide the first records of these species from Bolivia.

We document these occurrences, report locality records for Bolivian specimens of the species tentatively identified as *B. lenguarum*, review the previously diagnosed characters of *Bolomys*, and revise the diagnosis of the genus.

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## METHODS

We studied specimens of *Bolomys* and *Akodon* (listed in the Appendix) from the collections of the American Museum of Natural History in New York (AMNH), the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. (USNM), the Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque (MSB), the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago (FMNH), the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University in Cambridge (MCZ), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California in Berkeley (MVZ), the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology in Ann Arbor (UMMZ), the Michigan State University Museum of Zoology in East Lansing (MSU), the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh (CM), the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia (ANSP), the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco (CAS), the Centro Nacional de Enfermedades Tropicales in Santa Cruz (CENETROP), the Museo de Historia Natural "Noel Kempff Mercado" in Santa Cruz (MNK), the Museo Nacional de Historia Natural in La Paz (MNLP), and the British Museum (Natural History) in London (BMNH).

## ABBREVIATIONS

External measurements (in mm) recorded from specimen labels are:

TL	total length
T	tail length
HF	hind foot length
EAR	length of ear from notch

The following dimensions (see Anderson, 1972) were measured to the nearest 0.01 mm with either a craniometer or digital calipers:

ONL	occipitonasal length
LRs	length of rostrum from anterior tip of nasals to posterior border of zygomatic notch
BBC	breadth of braincase
BCH	height of braincase
IOC	least breadth of interorbital constriction
ZBR	greatest breadth of zygomatic arches
MAX	crown length of the maxillary toothrow
PDB	postdental breadth
LM1	crown length of the M1
WM1	crown width of the M1
WRS	width of rostrum

ZYN	length of zygomatic notch
PAR	length of the parietal bones at their suture at the midline of skull
FRN	length of the frontal bones at the midline of the skull
NAS	length of the nasal bones at the midline

In comparisons, we have used adults of comparable age when possible, or, when not possible, we have taken age differences into account before drawing conclusions about characters.

Dental terminology follows Reig (1977, 1987).

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## TAXONOMIC HISTORY

Tate (1932: 2) summarized the taxonomic history of the genus *Bolomys* from 1858 to 1926. Some of the history since then was summarized in Honacki et al. (1982: 400). At present, the most detailed and useful summary is included in a broader analysis of the tribe Akodontini by Reig (1987).

Below, we extend the taxonomic history of *Bolomys* since Tate's 1932 work, using the same format he used. We also include several references published prior to 1932 that, according to our current view of the contents of *Bolomys*, pertain to its history.

1839. Lund included the names *Mus lasiotis* and *Mus lasiurus* in an extract from larger memoirs presented to the Academy in Copenhagen. The names as used here are regarded as *nomina nuda* as no description was included.
1840. The names *Mus lasiotus* and *Mus lasiurus* were included in a translation of parts of Lund's memoirs subsequently published in 1841. The names as used here are also regarded as *nomina nuda*.
1841. Lund provided enough descriptive data to validate his names technically, but he did not refer explicitly to any of his specimens and the descriptions are not adequate for a useful diagnosis (the status of these names was not clarified until Langguth reported on Lund's specimens in 1975). The names *Mus lasiurus* and *Mus lasiotis* first appear on p. 50, measurements are on p. 280. *Mus lasiotis* was mistakenly designated type species of *Thalpomys* by Thomas, 1916; referred to *Zygodontomys* by Gyldenstolpe, 1932; and to *Bolomys* by Reig, 1978 (see References for bibliographic details explaining different dates that have been cited).
1897. Allen (p. 38) proposed *Zygodontomys* with type species *Oryzomys cherriei* (now a subspecies of *Z. brevicauda*).
1898. Thomas described (p. 271) *Akodon lenguarum* and compared it with *A. obscurus*.
1916. Allen (p. 528) described *Zygodontomys tapirapoanus*, from Mato Grosso, Brazil, which extended the range of the genus south of the Amazon River.
1932. Glydenstolpe (p. 113) expanded *Zygodontomys* further by including *Mus lasiurus* Lund, 1841, *Akodon fuscinus* Thomas, 1897, and *Oryzomys obtusirostris* Allen, 1916. (We examined the holotype of the latter and agree with Tate, 1932, that it is a young individual of *O. keaysi*.)
1941. Ellerman (p. 415) reduced *Bolomys* to a subgenus of *Akodon* again and included *A. amoenus*, *A. albiventer*, *A. berlepschii*, *A. lactens*, *A. leucolimnaeus*, *A. negrito*, and *A. orbus*. He allocated other taxa recognized later (Honacki et al., 1982) as belonging to *Bolomys* under the following names: *Akodon* (*Akodon*) *obscurus lenguarum*, *A. (Akodon) benefactus*, *A. (Akodon) lenguarum*, *A. (Akodon) obscurus*, *A. (Thalpomys) lasiotis*, *Zygodontomys fuscinus*, *Z. lasiurus*, and *Z. tapirapoanus*. The name *Z. obtusirostris* [= *Oryzomys keaysi*] was also used.
1943. Osgood expressed dissatisfaction with *Bolomys* as then constituted but made no changes in taxonomy.
1943. Moojen described *Zygodontomys pixuna* from Crato, Ceará, Brazil, and contrasted it with *Z. lasiurus*.
1951. Pearson included *Bolomys* as a subgenus of *Akodon*, with the species *Akodon* (*Bolomys*) *amoenus* and *A. (Bolomys) berlepschii*.
1961. Cabrera (p. 444) included in the subgenus *Bolomys* the species *Akodon albiventer*, *A. amoenus*, *A. berlepschii*, and *A. lactens* (with subspecies *A. l. lactens* and *A. l. leucolimnaeus*). *Akodon orbus* and *A. negrito* were considered synonyms of *A. l. lactens*. *Akodon lasiotis* was retained in the subgenus *Thalpomys* and *A. benefactus*, *A. obscurus*, and *A. lenguarum* were retained in the subgenus *Akodon* as subspecies of *A. obscurus*. *Akodon* (*Akodon*) *tapirapoanus tapirapoanus* and *A. (Akodon) tapirapoanus dayi* were recognized. *Zygodontomys lasiurus* was recognized, with subspecies *Z. l. fuscinus*, *Z. l. lasiurus*, and *Z. lasiurus pixuna*.
1962. Hershkovitz (p. 196) regarded all of the members of a "southern group" of *Zygodontomys* as subspecies of *Z. lasiurus* except *Z. [?lasiurus] tapirapoanus* and *Z. [?lasiurus] lenguarum*. He noted the uncertain status of *tapirapoanus* and *lenguarum* and the possibility that they may or may not eventually prove to be conspecific with *lasiurus* by use of the bracketed comments.
1964. Hooper and Musser (p. 36) included the species *Z. brevicauda* and *Z. lasiurus* in *Zygodontomys*, and noted that in many features of the male repro-

- ductive tract *Z. lasiurus* resembles *Akodon*, and *Z. brevicauda* resembles oryzomyines and, in overall bacular shape, *Calomys*.
1967. Massoia and Fornes proposed the new genus *Cabreramys* (with *C. obscurus* as its type species and with *C. benefactus* and *C. lenguarum* assigned to it).
1975. Langguth examined the holotypes of Lund's *Mus lasiotis* and *Mus lasiurus*, considered them conspecific, used the name *Akodon lasiurus* for the species, and suggested that *Akodon reinhardti* should be designated by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature as the type species of the subgenus *Thalpomys* of Thomas. We do not know that this was ever formally submitted to the Commission or acted upon.
1976. Gardner and Patton restricted *Zygodontomys* to *Z. brevicauda* in northern South America and so transferred *lasiurus* from *Zygodontomys* back to *Akodon* on the basis of diploid number, *lasiurus* having  $2n = 34$  and the *brevicauda* group  $2n = 84-88$ . They included *albiventer* ( $2n = 40$ ) in *Bolomys*.
1978. Reig included in the genus *Bolomys* the species *B. amoenus*, *B. obscurus*, *B. lactens* (including *orbis* and *negrito* as Tate had done, and also *leucolimnaeus*), *B. lasiurus*, *B. lenguarum* (including *tapirapoanus*), and a Pliocene fossil species *B. bonapartei*. He did not include *albiventer* or *berlepschii* in his list of recognized species of *Bolomys*. He further included *B. brachyurus*, *B. fuscinus*, *B. pixuna*, and *B. arviculoides* in *B. lasiurus*.
1978. Pearson and Ralph did not recognize the generic distinction of *Bolomys* and included its type species, *B. amoenus*, in *Akodon*.
1978. Mann F. used the name *Akodon (Bolomys) berlepschii*, but commented on the need for a reevaluation of the phylogenetic status of the subgenus *Bolomys*.
1979. Pine et al. (p. 348) quoted a letter from A. Spotorno stating that *albiventer* and *berlepschii* "are good *Akodon* s.s. and not *Bolomys*."
1980. Corbet and Hill (p. 151) included in *Bolomys*, *B. albiventer*, *B. amoenus*, *B. berlepschii*, and *B. lactens*. They included in *Cabreramys*, *C. benefactus*, *C. lenguarum*, and *C. obscurus*, and in *Zygodontomys*, *Z. lasiurus*.
1980. Massoia (p. 179) described *Cabreramys temchuki* from the Province of Misiones, Argentina, and compared it with *C. obscurus*. He separated these species on the basis of external characters only. He used the name *Cabreramys lasiurus*.
1981. Maia and Langguth used the names *Bolomys lasiurus*, *B. amoenus*, and *B. obscurus* and noted that they are closely related and "probably belong to a distinct and well defined group at the generic level within the Akodontini"; excluded *Akodon arviculoides* from *Bolomys*, although Reig (1978) had regarded it as a synonym of *B. lasiurus*; and regarded *Cabreramys* as a junior subjective synonym of *Bolomys*.
- 1981a. Mares et al. used the name *Bolomys lenguarum* in their list of species possibly occurring in Salta province, Argentina. They also used the name *Akodon albiventer*, as have other authors since Reig (1978), and thus recognized the exclusion of this species from *Bolomys*.
- 1981b. Mares et al. used the name *Bolomys lasiurus* in their account of mammals in northeastern Brazil, and listed specimens from the following states: Alagoas, Bahia, Ceará, Minas Gerais, and Pernambuco.
1981. Voss and Linzey referred *Zygodontomys lasiurus* to *Akodon* and recommended that *Zygodontomys* be restricted to the *brevicauda* group on the basis of diploid number ( $= 84-88$  in *brevicauda*), dentition, and structure of the ventral prostates.
1982. Myers used the name *Akodon lasiurus*, and included *A. lenguarum* in that species. He also included "*Zygodontomys*" *lasiurus fuscinus* and stated that *A. lasiurus* is closely allied with *A. ob-*

- scurus* from east-central Argentina and Uruguay.
1982. Contreras described two new subspecies of *Bolomys temchuki* (*B. t. elioi* and *B. t. liciae*) from northeastern Argentina.
1982. Honacki et al. (p. 400) recognized *Bolomys amoenus*, *B. lactens*, *B. lasiurus*, *B. lenguarum*, *B. obscurus*, and *B. temchuki*. They noted that "there is no consensus concerning the content of this genus" (p. 401).
1985. Anderson used the names *Bolomys lenguarum* and *B. lasiurus lasiurus* in reference to Bolivia.
1987. Macêdo and Mares analyzed sexual dimorphism and geographic variation in samples presumed to be *Bolomys lasiurus* from Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay. They recognized (p. 591) two subspecies, *B. l. fuscinus* from near the mouth of the Amazon, and *B. l. lasiurus* for all other populations. They did not provide explicit synonymies but did imply the inclusion of *arviculoides* in *B. l. lasiurus*, thus following Reig (1978) rather than Maia and Langguth (1981). Diagnostic characters by which *Bolomys* differs from *Akodon* or by which *B. lasiurus* differs from *B. lenguarum* were not given. Other related taxa, such as *B. lactens* in Argentina and *B. obscurus* in Uruguay, were not mentioned, nor were any of the large dark species of *Akodon* such as *A. dayi*, *A. varius*, and *A. cursor*.
1987. Reig summarized the history of the Akodontini including *Bolomys*; presented a detailed diagnosis and illustrations; discussed confusion in the literature about *arviculoides* Wagner (= a synonym of *B. lasiurus*, based on study of the holotype); provided a tentative list, with synonyms, of eight recognized species of *Bolomys* (seven extant and one fossil); explained why *Mus lasiotis* Lund, "1838," but not *Thalpomys lasiotis* as used by Thomas, 1916, is a subjective synonym of *Mus lasiurus* Lund, "1837," and *Thalpomys* Thomas, 1916, is a synonym of *Bolomys* Thomas, 1916; and regarded *tapirapoanus* as a probable junior synonym of *B. lenguarum*, a species separate from *B. lasiurus*.

#### Analysis of Characters:

Reig (1987: 354) listed the following characters as diagnostic for *Bolomys*. His terminology, in quotes, is followed by our comments.

It should be explained that Reig (1987: 364) presented his method of characterizing the Akodontini, and the included genera, as one of "conventional intension" or "defining the intensional meaning of various taxa by commonality of character-states, abjuring the typological claim of exclusive sharing of one or another of all the alternative states of the characters used in defining taxa of the same rank and which belong to the same taxon of immediate higher rank." Taxa thus defined are polythetic (in the sense of Sneath and Sokal, 1973). Thus, Reig did not claim that any one character state was necessarily present in all taxa of a group being characterized. He (p. 395) viewed his presentation as "a set of working hypotheses open to partial or overall modification . . . and, therefore, a heuristic framework for further advances in the knowledge of the evolution of these rodents." It is in this spirit that we offer the following analyses. We are examining how the character states are distributed among the species being considered, and, in a sense, specifically searching for synapomorphies. We do this not to be typological, but because we think the presence of such character states, if they exist, would strengthen the hypothesis of monophyly of *Bolomys*. If no synapomorphies exist, that is also interesting taxonomic information.

The primary samples used in the comparisons below (but not the only specimens examined, as noted in the Appendix) were small samples of four to six adults of each of the following taxa: *Akodon dayi* (from Ayacucho, Santa Cruz), *A. toba* (from 8 km S and 10 km E of Villa Montes, Tarija), *A. varius* (from Parotani, Cochabamba), *Bolomys amoenus* (from the vicinity of Puno, Peru), *B. amoenus* (from near Rodeo, Cochabamba), *B. lactens* (from Rancho Tambo, Tarija), *B. lenguarum* (from Boca del rio Baures, Beni), and *B. len-*

TABLE 1  
Measurements (in mm) of Samples of *Bolomys*  
(Minimum and maximum values are given for each dimension)

	<i>B. amoenus</i> Peru (n = 5)	<i>B. amoenus</i> Bolivia (n = 4)	<i>B. lactens</i> Bolivia (n = 4)	<i>B. lenguarum</i> (Beni) (n = 6)	<i>B. lenguarum</i> (Santa Cruz) (n = 8)
ONL	24.95–26.01	25.59–26.40	26.31–30.27	28.55–30.49	27.63–29.28
LRS	6.61–7.34	7.30–7.84	7.19–8.45	8.13–8.78	8.00–8.65
BBC	10.98–11.57	11.23–11.69	11.99–12.93	12.16–12.63	11.74–12.81
BCH	8.26–8.71	8.85–8.97	8.85–9.71	8.89–9.83	8.75–9.68
IOC	4.54–4.76	4.52–4.65	4.87–5.61	4.72–5.23	4.60–5.30
ZBR	13.92–15.17	14.44–14.92	14.40–16.84	15.10–16.47	14.30–15.70
MAX	3.93–4.12	3.98–4.21	4.47–4.92	4.43–4.79	4.57–5.05
PDB	2.77–2.98	2.95–3.28	2.79–3.01	3.26–3.89	3.22–3.88
LM1	1.99–2.16	2.80–2.14	2.12–2.58	2.23–2.57	2.25–2.53
WM1	1.14–1.36	1.19–1.33	1.44–1.50	1.25–1.45	1.21–1.42
WRS	4.89–5.13	5.36–5.46	4.90–5.88	5.32–5.88	4.90–5.53
ZYN	1.28–1.55	1.48–1.72	1.44–1.67	1.79–1.99	1.60–2.26
PAR	5.17–5.88	4.74–5.63	4.98–6.10	4.82–5.70	4.56–5.61
FRN	9.02–9.79	9.54–10.35	10.03–11.37	10.26–11.97	10.41–11.23
NAS	7.43–8.41	8.27–8.66	8.25–9.40	9.20–9.90	8.63–9.61
TL	160–165	174–179	172–216	190–212	172–206
T	63–70	71–79	73–86	77–86	70–86
HF	20–22	20–22	23–26	20.5–26	24–26.5
EAR	10–13	12–14	14–19	16–17	15–18

*guarum* (from San Miguel Rincón, Santa Cruz).

The adults are not of identical age as judged from tooth wear in any one sample except for the Bolivian *B. amoenus* which are all relatively old. Measurements are listed in tables 1 and 2.

“Braincase broad and deep”—We measured breadth of braincase, depth from the suture between the basioccipital and basisphenoid bones to the top of the braincase, and occipitonasal length. Breadth of braincase and depth of skull were plotted against occipitonasal length. There was no noticeable difference in the breadth of braincase to length of skull ratio between these samples, and certainly not between *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. The depth of braincase to length of skull ratio was more than 0.33 in *B. amoenus*, less than 0.33 in *A. toba* and *A. dayi*, but *A. varius*, *B. lenguarum*, and *B. lactens* overlapped each other and the 0.33 dividing line. Thus, neither breadth of braincase nor depth of skull is diagnostic (in the restricted sense now being examined) of *Bolomys* (see fig. 1). This does not eliminate the possibility that other measurements or methods of comparison might exhibit differences. Breadth of braincase, like

many other cranial characters, varies with age; it may become greater with age, but as a ratio of total length of skull it becomes less, as is true of muroid rodents in general. In any event, in order to deal scientifically with shape or size, definitions of measurements or other methods of comparison need to be in a form that can be repeated by other investigators with the same results. Problems often arise when direct comparisons seem to show differences that are extremely difficult to quantify or describe.

“Occipital region short” and “truncated”—We found the shape of this region to be too varied in both *Bolomys* and *Akodon* to show clear differences (fig. 2).

“Rostrum rather short and markedly tapering forward in lateral view”—In figure 3 the length of rostrum measured from the posterior margin of the zygomatic notch to the anterior margin of the nasals is plotted against the occipitonasal length of skulls in several samples of *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. The specimens representing the three Bolivian species of *Bolomys* all have a relatively shorter rostrum than the specimens of *Akodon*. In most of the specimens of *Bolomys*, the length of the rostrum is less than 30 percent of occip-

TABLE 2  
Measurements (in mm) of Samples of *Akodon*  
(Minimum and maximum values are given for  
each dimension)

	<i>A. varius</i> (n = 5)	<i>A. dayi</i> (n = 6)	<i>A. toba</i> (n = 6)
ONL	26.66–30.01	28.70–30.96	27.33–30.04
LRS	7.99–9.15	8.78–9.56	8.00–9.18
BBC	12.20–12.74	12.20–13.22	11.85–12.49
BCH	8.89–9.75	8.62–9.54	8.33–9.32
IOC	4.81–5.32	4.6–5.15	4.76–5.19
ZBR	14.01–16.04	14.86–15.82	14.28–15.24
MAX	4.50–4.96	4.50–4.80	4.38–4.82
PDB	3.69–4.12	4.03–4.35	3.60–4.13
LM1	2.31–2.55	2.35–2.50	2.15–2.59
WM1	1.27–1.44	1.26–1.41	1.22–1.40
WRS	5.21–5.82	5.05–5.98	5.32–5.66
ZYN	1.47–1.75	1.24–1.73	1.61–1.92
PAR	4.81–5.75	4.36–5.41	4.69–5.47
FRN	8.25–10.00	9.99–11.28	9.58–11.24
NAS	9.75–11.01	10.31–11.14	9.29–10.73
TL	180–222	195–213	193–226
T	75–100	76–90	84–100
HF	23–25	25.5–28.5	22–27
EAR	14–18	16–19	16–20

itonasal length. In most of the specimens of *Akodon*, the length of the rostrum is more than 30 percent (fig. 3). Then, to examine the “tapering,” we drew a diastemal baseline on drawings prepared by us and by Reig (1987) of lateral views of the skulls of *Akodon* and *Bolomys* (see fig. 4) and a line (not shown in the figures) through the dorsal profile of the nasals. The acute angle of intersection of this line and the diastemal baseline was then measured. In general, the angle is more than 20° in *Bolomys* and less than 20° in *Akodon*. However, in a few specimens the difference is 19° versus 20° and the error of measurement can be this great, the principal difficulty being the placement of the line through the dorsal profile of the nasals. On average, skulls of *Bolomys* have straighter dorsal profiles than the more bowed profiles of *Akodon*.

“Upper profile of skull gradually sloping forward from the middle of parietals”—If the skull is oriented so that the highest point is the middle of the parietals, it is always true that the profile gradually slopes forward and downward, although this slope is not uniform nor is it noticeably different between *Bolomys* and *Akodon*. We drew a baseline through the tip of upper incisors and ventralmost point

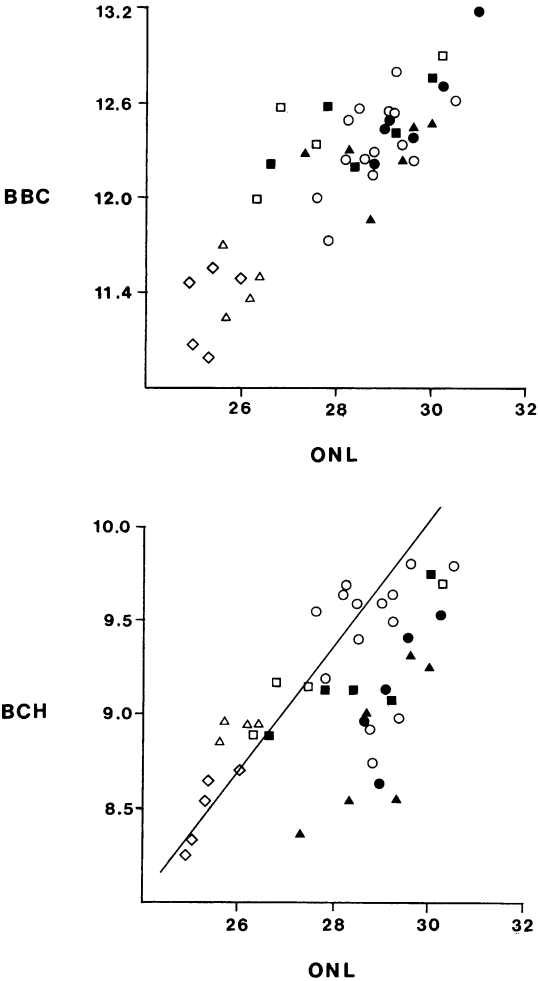


Fig. 1. Graphs contrasting the breadth of braincase (BBC, top) and depth of braincase (BCH, bottom) to the occipitonasal length (ONL) in species of *Bolomys* (open symbols) and *Akodon* (closed symbols). *Bolomys amoenus* from Peru (◇), *B. amoenus* from Bolivia (△), *B. lactens* from Bolivia (□), *B. languarum* from Bolivia (○), *Akodon dayi* from Bolivia (●), *A. varius* from Bolivia (■), and *A. toba* from Bolivia (▲). Line on bottom plot represents one-third of ONL. See Appendix for specimens and localities.

on bulla on a series of drawings of Reig (1987) and on our own drawings, and we did not find that the highest point from this baseline was in the middle of the parietals. It was generally near the back of the frontal bone in both *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. This character is not useable as stated or as measured here.

“Nasals short, with anterior border well

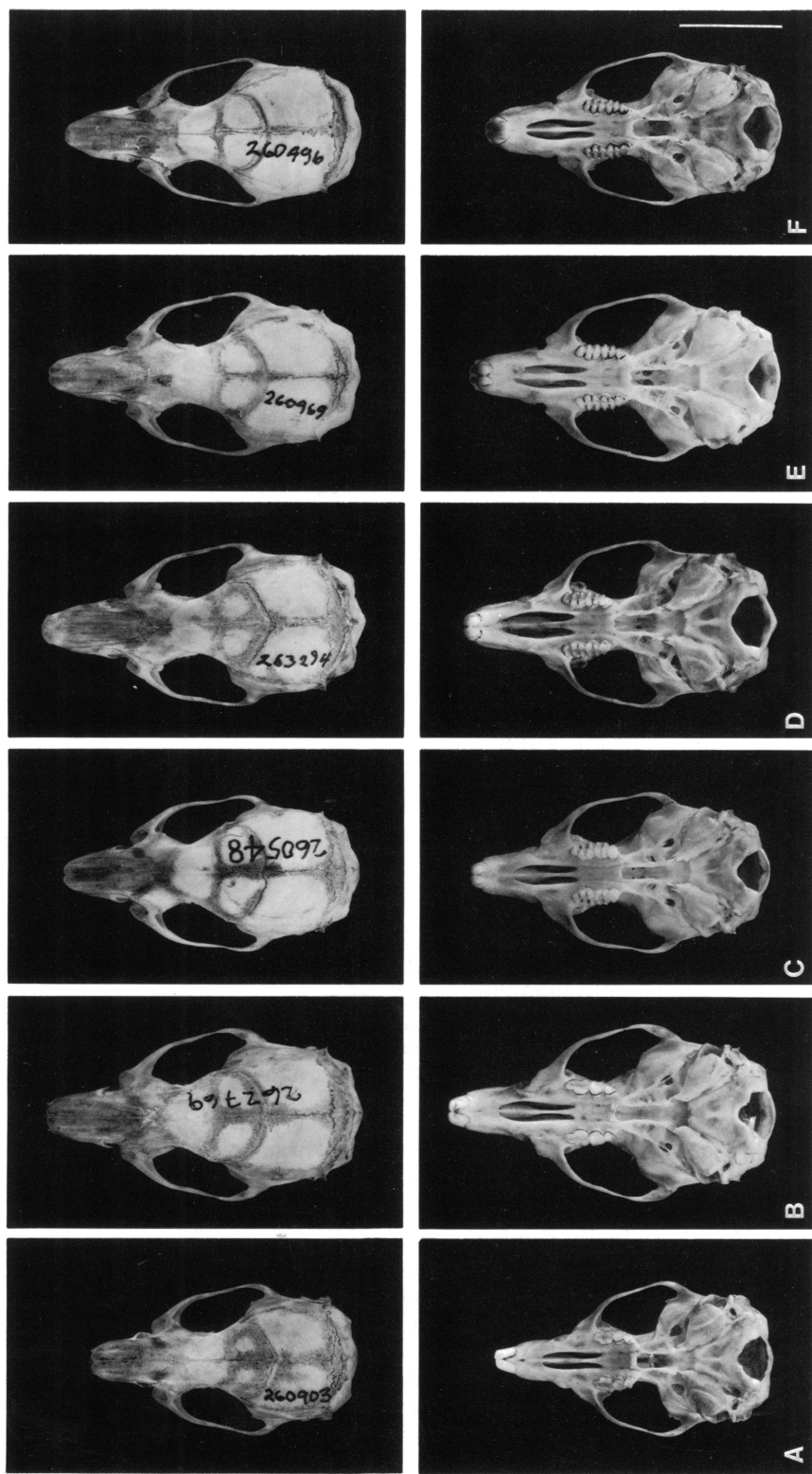


Fig. 2. Dorsal (top row) and ventral (bottom row) views of crania of (A) *Bolomys amoenus* (AMNH 260903), (B) *B. lactens* (AMNH 262769), (C) *B. lenguarum* (AMNH 260548), (D) *Akodon dayi* (AMNH 263294), (E) *A. toba* (AMNH 260469), and (F) *A. varius* (AMNH 260496). Scale at lower right represents 10 mm.



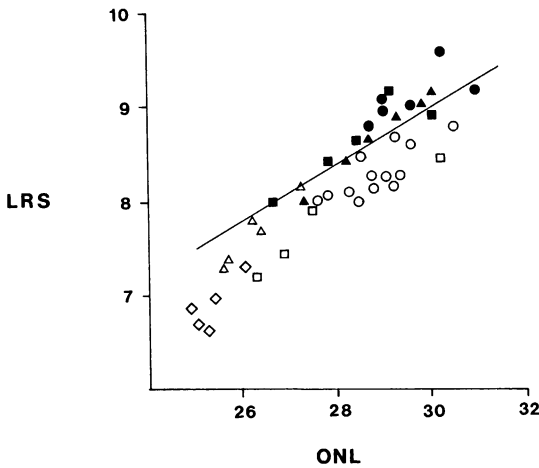


Fig. 3. Length of rostrum (LRS) plotted against occipitonasal length (ONL) in species of *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. Symbols and samples as in figure 1. Line represents 30 percent of ONL.

posterior to level of anterior border of incisors"—Nasals tend to be shorter and less projecting anteriorly in *Bolomys* than in *Akodon*, but there is considerable variation in each genus so that a nearly unbroken continuum in degrees of projection can be found (see fig. 4). Among the three species of *Bolomys* in Bolivia, *B. amoenus* and *B. lactens* have shorter nasals than do the lowland populations of *B. lenguarum* (fig. 4). The former two species have more proodont incisors as well, which adds to the impression of shorter nasals. Specimens of *B. lenguarum* can show nasals extending as far anterior as in some specimens of *Akodon*. This character generally holds, but not in all individual cases.

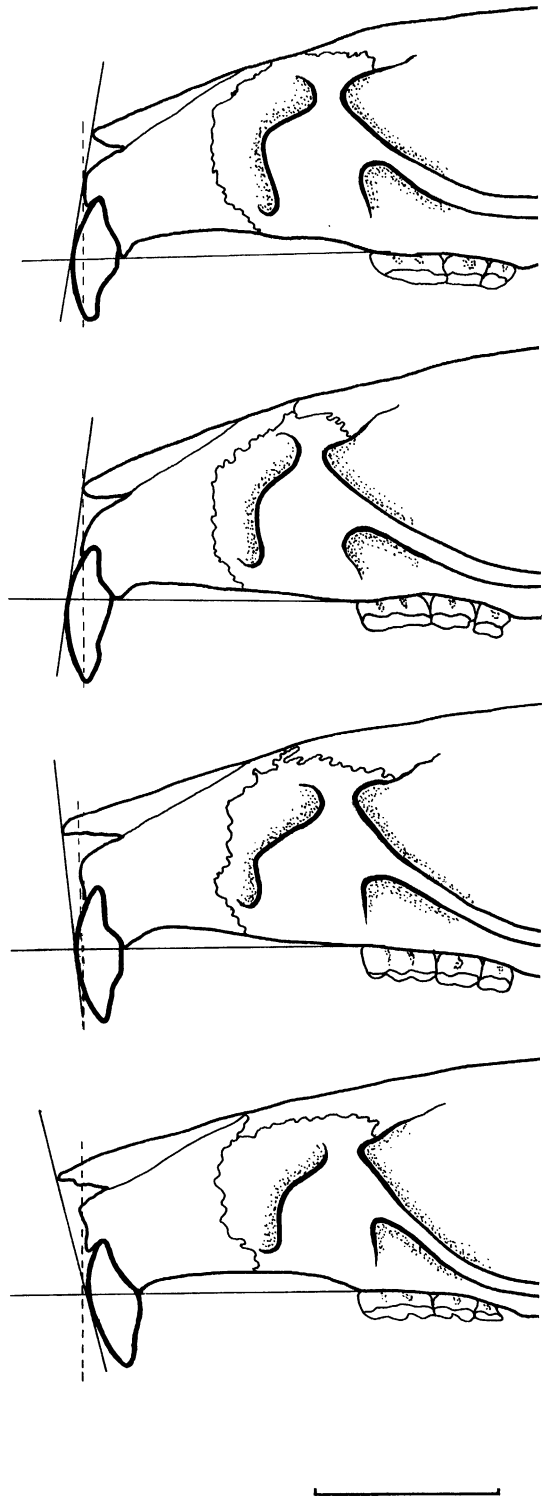


Fig. 4. Lateral views of the anterior cranium of (top to bottom) *Bolomys amoenus* (AMNH 260904), *B. lactens* (AMNH 262769), *B. lenguarum* (AMNH 263286), and *Akodon dayi* (AMNH 263304). Scale represents 5 mm. The horizontal line is the diastemal baseline drawn through the anterior alveolar edge of the M1 and the posterior alveolar edge of the incisor. The dotted vertical line drawn tangential to the premaxillae is perpendicular to the diastemal baseline and serves both to orient the skulls and to show the relative positions of the incisors to the premaxillae. The third line is drawn through the anterior point of the nasals and the anterior edge of the incisors and shows the proodonty of the incisors.

"Frontals long, always longer than nasals"—We measured the length of the nasal bones and the length of the frontal bones on the midline for the individuals above. In the specimens of *Bolomys*, the frontals are always longer than the nasals, the nasal/frontal ratio ranging from 0.76 to 0.95. In the specimens of *Akodon* examined, the frontals range from longer to shorter than the nasals. In the samples of *Akodon toba*, the frontals are always longer than the nasals, the nasal/frontal ratio ranging from 0.92 to 0.97; in *A. varius*, the frontals are usually shorter than the nasals, the nasal/frontal ratio ranging from 1.00 to 1.18; in *A. dayi*, the frontals are shorter or longer than the nasals, the nasal/frontal ratio ranging from 0.94 to 1.10. The nasals are shorter than the frontals in *Bolomys*, but some individuals of *Akodon* have relatively short nasals. The best separation point might be 0.95, less for most *Bolomys* and more for most *Akodon*.

"Parietals short, less than half the length of frontals, and extending forward anterolaterally by means of narrow spines penetrating between frontals and temporals"—We measured the parietal and frontal lengths on the midline. In *Bolomys*, we found the parietal/frontal ratio to range from 0.41 to 0.60 (averaging 0.59 in *B. amoenus* from Peru, 0.51 in *B. amoenus* from Rodeo, 0.50 in *B. lactens* from Tambo, 0.48 in *B. lenguarum* from the Beni, and 0.48 in *B. lenguarum* from Santa Cruz). In *Akodon*, the ratio ranged from 0.42 to 0.54 (averaging 0.46 in *A. dayi* from Ayacucho, 0.50 in *A. varius* from Parotani, and 0.48 in *A. toba* from Tarija). The quoted statement is not true in regard to the parietal/frontal ratio and is not useful as a diagnostic character. There is an anterolateral projection of the parietals that can be spinelike (fig. 5), but is variable in shape in both *Bolomys* and *Akodon* and there is some overlap. Thus, these processes are not useful as a diagnostic character either, although we have the subjective impression that the process is more slender and longer in *Bolomys*.

"Interparietal noticeably reduced anteroposteriorly and transversely"—The shape and size of the interparietal bone are too variable in both *Bolomys* and *Akodon* to be useful (see reverse situation in fig. 5). It is reduced in akodonts in general.

"Interorbital area with well-formed, anteriorly convergent borders"—True of *Bolomys*, this is useful. *Bolomys* shows a distinctly ridged, posteriorly divergent interorbital area (see fig. 2). Some specimens of *Akodon varius* have slightly convergent borders with slight ridging, but not so distinct as in *Bolomys*.

"Posterior palate moderately long and wide, the median posterior border of palatines behind the posterior border of M3"—Moderately long is defined but "wide" needs an explicit definition. The "posterior border of the M3" might refer to the crown or to the alveolar margin. The palate in both *Bolomys* and *Akodon* extends posteriorly at the anterior margin of the mesopterygoid fossa to or, in most cases, slightly beyond the level of the molar crowns. Since the mesopterygoid border lies dorsal to both the crown and the alveolar margin, the orientation of the skull needs to be defined in order to measure or observe this feature in a comparable way. There does not seem to be a relative difference of palate width between *Bolomys* and *Akodon* (fig. 6, and see fig. 2).

"Zygomatic plate broad and strong, with anterior border straight or slightly concave, perpendicular to diastema"—This is true of *Bolomys* (fig. 4) and some species of *Akodon*. It serves to separate *Bolomys* from the oxymycterine group (see Hinojosa et al., 1987), including *Microxus* and some species of *Akodon*, but is not useful in distinguishing other species of *Akodon* and *Bolomys*.

"Upper incisors orthodont or proodont"—In *Bolomys*, the upper incisors range from being slightly opisthodont to somewhat proodont (fig. 4). *Bolomys amoenus* and *B. lactens* show a greater degree of proodonty than *B. lenguarum* (fig. 4) and all are slightly more proodont than *Akodon*. In *Bolomys*, the premaxillae do not extend beyond the level of the anterior face of the incisors. The differences between species of *Akodon* and *B. lenguarum*, however, are slight (fig. 4).

"Molars mesodont, terraced with moderate wear, broad and robust"—The former two characters are generally true of *Bolomys* and *Akodon*. "Broad and robust" may be misleading, as akodonts generally have relatively narrower molars than do other sigmodonts. We measured the crown length and width of the M1 and then compared the width-to-

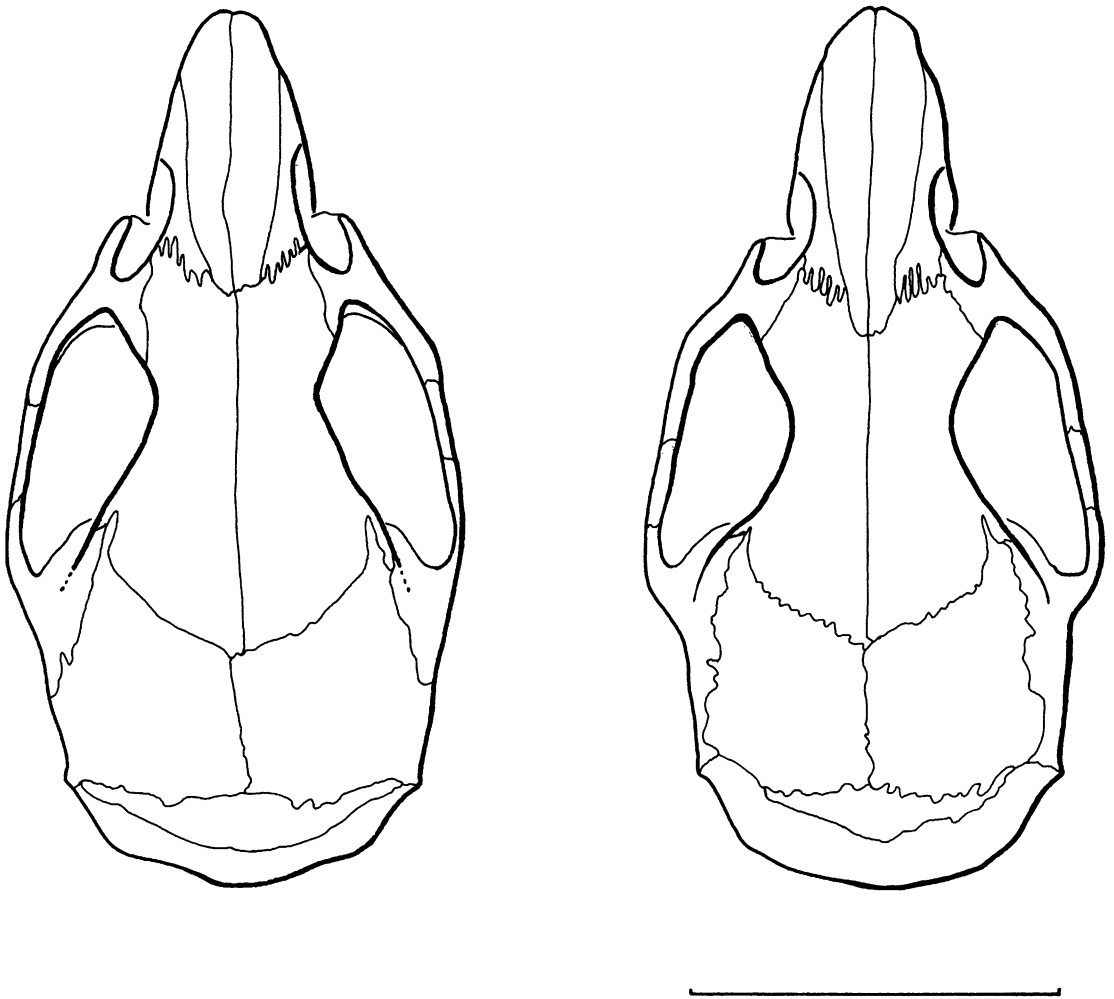


Fig. 5. Dorsal view of crania of *Bolomys lenguarum* (left, AMNH 263286) and *Akodon dayi* (right, AMNH 263304). Scale at bottom represents 10 mm.

length ratio of the M1. There is no consistent difference between *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. In *B. amoenus* from Peru, the ratio ranged from 0.53 to 0.63; in *B. amoenus* from Rodeo, 0.57 to 0.63; in *B. lactens* from Tambo, 0.58 to 0.70; in *B. lenguarum* from the Beni, 0.49 to 0.60; in *B. lenguarum* from Santa Cruz, 0.51 to 0.59; in *Akodon dayi* from Ayacucho, 0.52 to 0.59; in *A. varius* from Cochabamba, 0.52 to 0.61; and in *A. toba* from Tarija, 0.47 to 0.61. The M1 tends to be relatively wider in the highland *Bolomys*, *B. amoenus* and *B. lactens*. We also compared the length of the M1 to occipitonasal length in all samples, and found no obvious difference between species.

The length of the M1 is from 7.3 to 9.2 percent of the occipitonasal length in all specimens examined. The largest and smallest values of this ratio are from individuals of *Akodon varius* and *A. toba*, respectively. Thus, *Bolomys* does not consistently have broader and more robust molars than the larger species of *Akodon* (fig. 7).  
“Upper molars with lophs almost completely transverse, and mesoloph usually completely coalesced with paraloph”—This is not useful; while true of *Bolomys*, it is generally true of *Akodon* (see fig. 7).  
“Procingulum of M1 simple, with antero-medial flexus absent or only slightly devel-

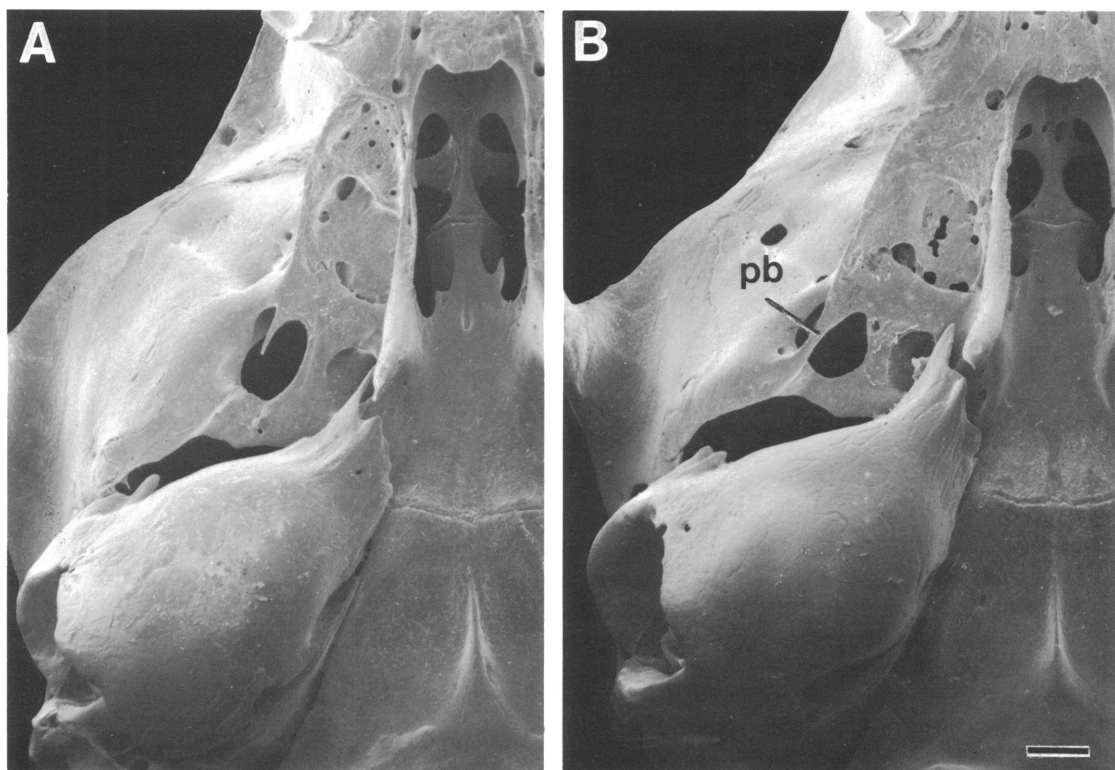


Fig. 6. SEM views of the basicrania of (A) *Bolomys languarum* (AMNH 210065) and (B) *Akodon toba* (AMNH 246756) with pterygoid bridge (pb) labeled. Scale represents 1 mm.

oped”—This is true of *Bolomys* and is generally useful in separating *Bolomys* from *Akodon* in which the anteromedian flexus is deeper on the average (see fig. 7). However, the range of variation in *Akodon* is such that some individuals are not different in this character from some individuals of *Bolomys*, which also have a slightly developed anteromedian flexus.

“Lower molars with lingual cusps somewhat anterior to the labial ones, with mesolophid remnants and mesostylids usually absent”—This is not useful as it is generally true of *Bolomys* and *Akodon* (fig. 7).

Myers (in prep.) noted the following characters as useful in distinguishing *Bolomys* from species of *Akodon* in the Chaco region of Bolivia, Paraguay, and Argentina. We examined these characters to determine whether they are more broadly applicable.

“Narrower, more strongly divergent interorbital region with much more strongly ledged sides”—Differences in shape relating to di-

vergence and ledges are discussed above. The interorbital region of *Bolomys* is not noticeably narrower at the point of greatest interorbital constriction in specimens of *Bolomys* than in skulls of comparably sized specimens of *Akodon*.

“Dorsoventral bowing of skull tends to be more pronounced”—See comments above.

“Wider rostrum”—The rostrum is relatively shorter and has a broader appearance in *Bolomys* (see figs. 2 and 8). We measured the width of the rostrum and plotted these data against occipitonasal length (fig. 8). The ratio is approximately 0.19 in all species measured of both *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. The ratio is slightly more than 0.19 in adult skulls of *B. amoenus* from Bolivia. In the species of *Akodon* and *B. languarum* from Santa Cruz, there is nearly complete overlap; therefore this is not a useful diagnostic character.

“Broader zygomatic notches”—This is useful. *Bolomys* does show a broader zygomatic notch (see figs. 2 and 5), but this is a

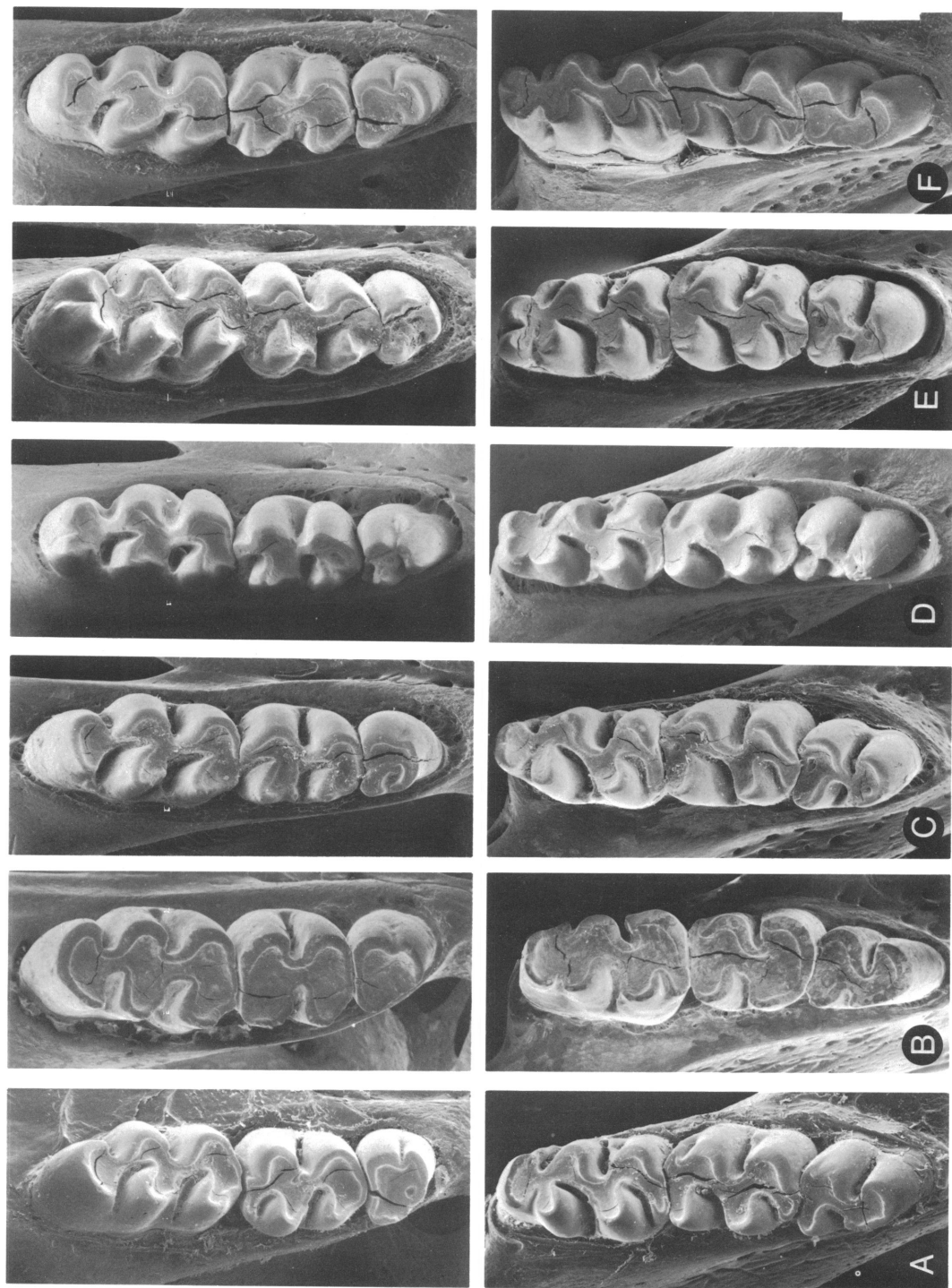


Fig. 7. Views of the upper right (top row) and lower right (bottom row) maxillary tooththrows of (A) *Bolomys amoenus* (AMNH 213564), (B) *B. lactens* (AMNH 262761), (C) *B. lequarum* (AMNH 260530), (D) *Akodon dayi* (AMNH 263289), (E) *A. toba* (AMNH 246699), and (F) *A. varius* (AMNH 38688). Scale at lower right represents 1 mm.

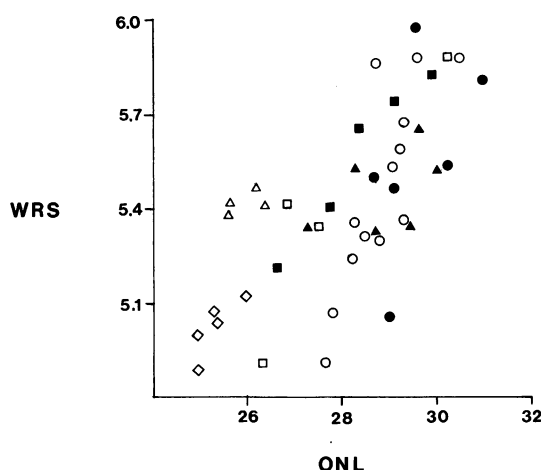


Fig. 8. Plot of rostrum width (WRS) against occipitonasal length (ONL). Symbols and samples as in figure 1.

highly variable character that overlaps somewhat between *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. We measured the depth of the zygomatic notch to ascertain the relative size difference (width is difficult to quantify); the notch is generally deeper in *Bolomys*. In *B. languarum* and the comparably sized species of *Akodon*, the zygomatic notch ranges from 1.60 to 2.26 mm in *Bolomys languarum*; from 1.24 to 1.73 mm in *A. dayi*, from 1.47 to 1.75 mm in *A. varius*, and from 1.61 to 1.92 mm in *A. toba*.

Zygomatic arches "less flared"—We were not certain what was meant, so we measured the greatest zygomatic breadth and plotted these data against occipitonasal length (fig. 9). The highland *Bolomys* (*B. amoenus* and *B. lactens*) tend to have zygomatic-breadth-to-skull-length ratios greater than 0.55, whereas *B. languarum* and the comparably sized *Akodon* of the lowlands tend to be less than 0.55 (fig. 9). Thus, the relative width of the zygomatic arch is not very useful as a diagnostic character of the genus although it may be useful in distinguishing certain pairs of species or in certain local areas. Myers (in litt.) defines less flared as lesser breadth in the anteriormost part of the arch. The arch becomes broader, both anteriorly and at its greatest breadth, with increasing age, so that characters relating to the arch need to be compared in mice at similar developmental stages. The same consideration applies to many other cranial characters. Other mea-

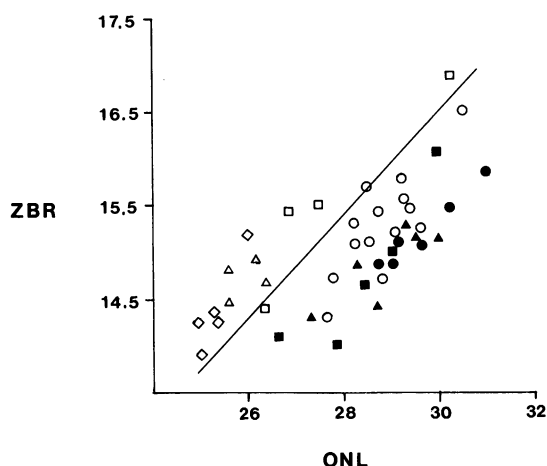


Fig. 9. Plot of zygomatic breadth (ZBR) against occipitonasal length (ONL). Symbols and samples as in figure 1. Line drawn represents 55 percent of ONL.

surements of the arch are needed to evaluate possible differences in its shape.

"Considerably smaller bullae" (than in *A. varius* and *A. toba*)—This is generally true when lowland *Bolomys* and *Akodon* are compared. *Bolomys amoenus* has relatively large bullae, actually larger than those of *B. lactens*, which is larger overall. This is not a generic character. However, there may be average differences between species within *Akodon* and *Bolomys*. See figures 2 and 6.

"Narrower incisive foramina" (than in *A. varius* and *A. toba*)—This generally holds also as a generic character when species other than those of the chaco are compared. In absolute width, the incisive foramina of small species of *Akodon* such as *A. andinus* and *A. boliviensis* are as narrow as in *Bolomys amoenus*, but the ratio of width-to-length of the foramina seems greater in the species of *Akodon* (see fig. 2).

"Narrower pterygoid wings" (than in *A. varius* and *A. toba*)—This character, narrower parapterygoid fossa in our terminology, is useful. The parapterygoid fossae of *Bolomys* are much narrower than those of any of the species of *Akodon* we examined (figs. 2 and 6). However, there is noticeable variation among species of *Akodon* and to a lesser degree between individuals. This is difficult to quantify adequately, but is evident in figures 2 and 6.

"Broader teeth"—See comments above.

Upper incisors tend "to be more proodont," but with "considerable variation"—See comments above.

Procingulid of m1 "always lacks an anteromedian flexid"—This appears to be true and useful (see fig. 7).

An additional character that is useful in distinguishing *Bolomys* from *Akodon* is the reduced or absent pterygoid bridge (see fig. 6, terminology from Musser and Newcomb, 1983), a strut of bone over the foramen ovale visible in ventral view. In species of *Akodon*, the pterygoid bridge is well developed and readily apparent. In most specimens of *Bolomys*, it is delicate or missing. However, in some specimens of *B. lactens*, the pterygoid bridge is present and approaches the condition observed in *Akodon*.

The number of chromosomes known in species of *Bolomys* (e.g., *B. amoenus*, *B. obscurus*, *B. lasiurus* [under name *arviculoides*], *B. lasiurus*, "probably" *B. linguarum*, and *B. temchuki*) is a uniform 2n of 34. For *Akodon* that have been studied, numbers of 14, 16, 24, and 40 have been reported, but never 34. These data (from various sources, summarized in Reig, 1987: 354, 356) support the possible monophyly of *Bolomys*. Karyology, of additional species and using banding techniques, offers a source of valuable new taxonomic information relating to the phylogeny of akodontine rodents. Electrophoresis and other biochemical methods also offer promise of helping to clarify phylogeny in the group.

#### Genus *Bolomys* Thomas, 1916

CONTEXT: Order Rodentia, suborder Sciurognathi, infraorder Myomorpha, superfamily Muroidea, family Muridae, subfamily Sigmodontinae (Carleton, 1984; Carleton and Musser, 1984), tribe Akodontini (Reig, 1987). The genus *Bolomys* is one of some 73 Recent genera in the subfamily and has been regarded as a subgenus of *Akodon* by some authors.

#### SYNONYMY:

*Bolomys* Thomas, 1916: 339. Type species *Akodon amoenus* Thomas, 1900: 468, by original designation.

*Thalpomys* Thomas, 1916: 339. Type species said to be *Mus lasiotus* Lund, 1838 = *Bolomys lasiurus* (Lund, 1837), but Thomas' description and concept of *Thalpomys* were actually based on a

misidentified specimen of *Akodon* and not the type specimen of *Mus lasiotus* (Langguth, 1975), in which case the type species of *Thalpomys* should be fixed by the Commission according to Article 70 (b) of the Code, and this has not been done to our knowledge.

*Cabreramys* Massoia and Fornes, 1967: 418. Type species *Akodon obscurus* (Waterhouse, 1837).

DIAGNOSIS: The following characters seemed to be those most diagnostic of *Bolomys*. Other characters discussed above are less useful because of their variability in species studied. Some of those characters may be useful when comparing specimens from a local area or a restricted subset of species, but not over the wide geographic ranges of *Akodon* and *Bolomys*.

*Bolomys* can be distinguished from other genera of Akodontini by the combination of the following characters (our concept of combination is more restricted than that of Reig, in that all of the *Bolomys* examined by us have the character states listed below). The characters are not, however, unique to the genus, all occurring in some form in some other genus of Sigmodontinae or even genera of other family-level groups. The characters of other species of *Akodon* need to be critically compared to refine this diagnosis further. The diagnostic characters, in this sense, are: short rostrum, deeper and often wider zygomatic notches, posteriorly divergent interorbital region with ridged edges, relatively narrow incisive foramina, narrow parapterygoid fossae, reduced or absent pterygoid bridges, anterior face of upper incisors anterior to premaxillae, reduced anteromedian flexus on M1, lack of anteromedian flexid on m1, see figures 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

#### KEY TO BOLIVIAN SPECIES OF *BOLOMYS*

- 1a. Nasals relatively short, incisors visible from above, incisors tend to proodonty (fig. 4), incisors pale, almost white, zygomatic breadth generally greater than 0.55 of occipitonasal length (fig. 9) ..... 2
- 1b. Nasals slightly longer, incisors not visible from above, incisors not obviously proodont, incisors yellow, zygomatic breadth generally less than 0.55 of occipitonasal length ....  
..... *B. linguarum*
- 2a. Smaller body size (total length generally less than 180 mm), pelage paler, skull smaller,

occipitonasal length of adults generally less than 26.5 mm, relatively large bullae, sphenopalatine vacuities present, occurs at high elevations, known only from Cochabamba ..... *B. amoenus*

- 2b. Larger body size (total length generally greater than 180 mm), pelage darker, skull larger, occipitonasal length of adults generally greater than 26.5 mm, relatively smaller bullae, no sphenopalatine vacuities, occurs at moderate elevations in Tarija .....  
..... *B. lactens*

*Bolomys amoenus* Thomas, 1900

*Akodon amoenus* Thomas, 1900: 468 (type locality "Calalla, Rio Colca, near Sumbay, Peru. Altitude 3500 metres").

Recently discovered in the department of Cochabamba (see fig. 10 and the Appendix for details), the occurrences there extend the known range at least 500 km southeastwardly from Peru and provide the first records for Bolivia. These two localities are at 4000 (Colomi) and 3875 m (near Rodeo) in elevation.

*Bolomys amoenus* differs from other Bolivian *Bolomys* in being smaller, paler, and in having relatively larger bullae. Externally, *B. amoenus* is quite different from the other *Bolomys*, it has a whitish venter which is sharply demarked from darker sides, smaller, paler hind feet with ochraceous dorsal hue, and yellowish sides of head. The venter in *B. lactens* is darker and ochraceous and in *B. languarum* darker and grayish. *Bolomys amoenus* also differs from *B. languarum* in having shorter nasals and rostrum, and paler and more proodont upper incisors. Cranially, *B. amoenus* and *B. lactens* are similar in having a short rostrum, pale, almost white proodont upper incisors, relatively broad zygomatic arches, and relatively broad M1; however, *B. amoenus* is more extreme in rostral shortening and incisive proodonty. *B. amoenus* differs from *B. lactens* in having sphenopalatine vacuities, the anterior margin of the mesopterygoid fossa occurring at about the level of the posterior alveolar margin of M3 rather than anterior to this margin.

In external characters, *B. amoenus* may be confused with certain species of *Akodon*, especially *A. albiventer*, which occurs at similar elevations, is the same size, and has a whitish venter. *Bolomys amoenus* differs in having

less blackish ears, less blackish dorsal stripe on tail, and more evident ochraceous or yellowish hue on sides of head, on feet, and on sides of tail. Cranially, both species have relatively larger bullae than their congeners.

*Bolomys lactens* Thomas, 1918

*Akodon lactens* Thomas, 1918: 188 (type locality "Leon, Jujuy, 1500 m," Argentina).

Recently discovered from Rancho Tambo (2100 m) in the department of Tarija (see fig. 10 and the Appendix for details), this occurrence extends the known range northward from Argentina and provides the first record for Bolivia.

*Bolomys lactens* differs from *B. amoenus* as described above and from *B. languarum* in being generally larger and most noticeably in having an ochraceous rather than grayish venter. Cranially, *B. lactens* differs from *B. languarum* in having a relatively shorter rostrum and nasals, more proodont upper incisors, relatively greater zygomatic breadth, and relatively broader M1.

Externally, *B. lactens* may be confused with certain species of *Akodon* in southeastern Bolivia, including *A. pervalens*, *A. toba*, *A. simulator*, and *A. varius* of the *varius* group (Myers, in prep.). Field identifications based on external characters are generally not reliable. However, cranial differences in the supraorbital area and anterior rostrum between *Akodon* and *Bolomys* are visible on uncleaned skulls in the field.

*Bolomys languarum* Thomas, 1898

*Akodon languarum* Thomas, 1898: 271 (type locality "Waikthlatingmayalwa, Northern Chaco of Paraguay"); Thomas, 1925: 579 (Caraparí). *Zygodontomys tapirapoanus* Allen, 1916: 528 (type locality "Tapirapoan, Rio Sepotuba, Matto Grosso, Brazil").

*Zygodontomys lasiurus*: Gyldenstolpe, 1932: 113; Voss and Linzey, 1981: 41 (5 km E Mizque). *Zygodontomys* [*?lasiurus*] *tapirapoanus*: Hershkovitz, 1962: 207 (Buenavista).

*Bolomys languarum*: Reig, 1978; 1987; Anderson, 1985: 13 (name in list, based on record from Caraparí).

*Bolomys lasiurus lasiurus*: Anderson, 1985: 13 (name in list); Macêdo and Mares, 1987: 591 (various localities in Beni and Santa Cruz).



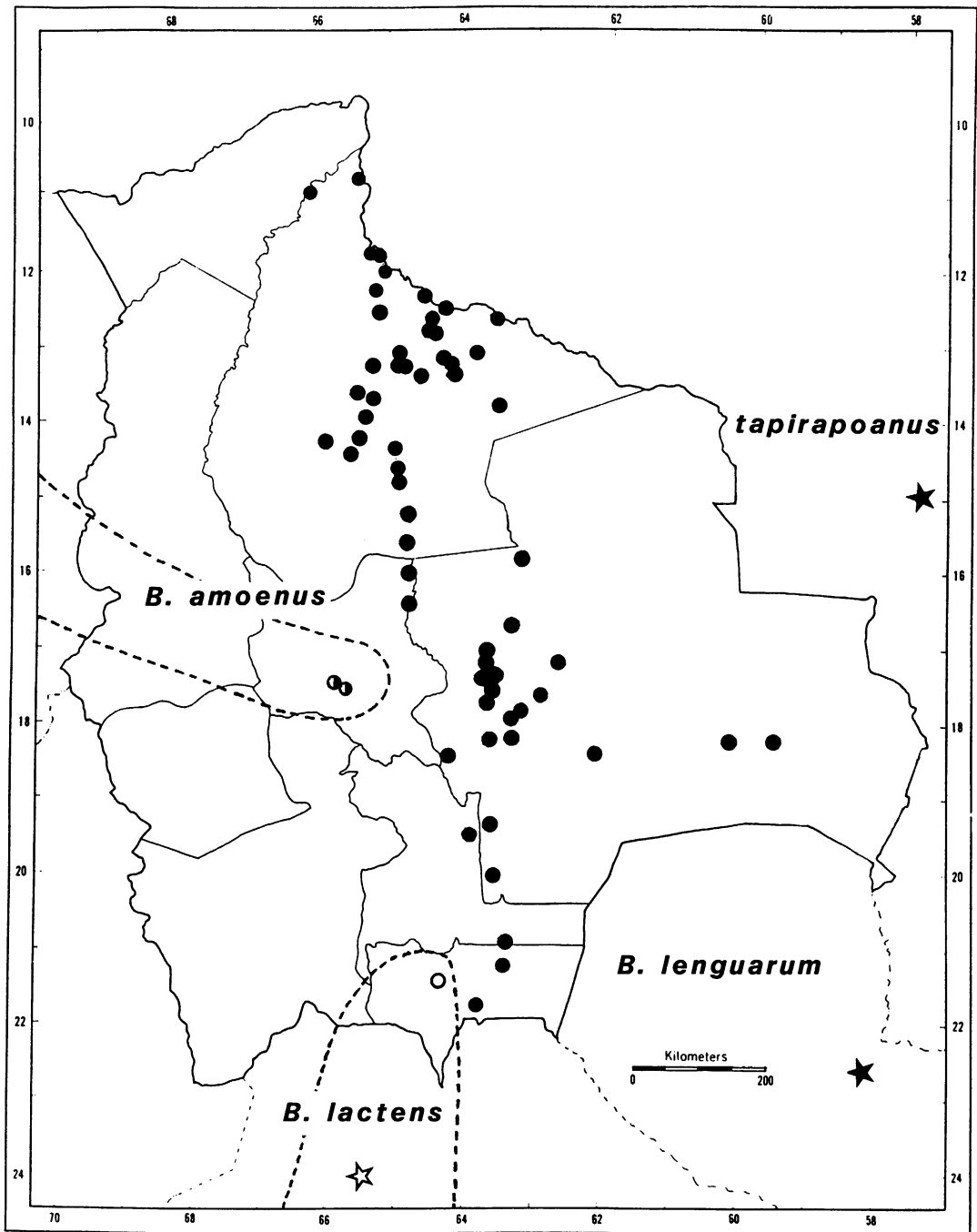


Fig. 10. Map of known Bolivian localities of *Bolomys languarum* (●), *B. lactens* (○), and *B. amoenus* (●). Type localities of *B. lactens* (☆) and *B. l. languarum* (★, Paraguay) and *B. l. tapirapoanus* (★, Brazil) are also given.

The distribution of this species is shown in figure 10. Most localities are at elevations below 500 m in the extensive lowlands of

northeastern Bolivia; however, the species is known from Comarapa at about 2500 m and Vermejo at 1100 m in the eastern foothills

of the Andes. In this area *Bolomys lenguarum* is geographically sympatric (or perhaps parapatric on an ecological or local scale) with *Akodon varius* (specimens from 8 km west of Comarapa, for example). At Caraparí in Tarija (at 2149/6346 and at 1000 m in elevation), *Bolomys lenguarum* (BMNH 25.2.1.51 and 52) occurs with at least three species of *Akodon*, *A. pervalens* (BMNH 25.2.1.55 and 56), *A. boliviensis* (BMNH 25.2.1.57 to 60), and *A. toba* (BMNH 25.2.1.53 and 54). Furthermore, *Bolomys lactens* and other species of *Akodon* occur in other parts of Tarija. Clearly a diverse akodont fauna occurs there.

Hershkovitz (1962: 203) provisionally accorded specific rank to a northern group and a southern group of *Zygodontomys* and contrasted them. Specifically, he compared the northern species *Z. brevicauda* with *Z. lasiurus* of Brazil. He did not provide diagnoses for *Z. lenguarum* or *Z. tapirapoanus* or assign them to *Z. lasiurus*, although he implied their possible conspecificity.

Macêdo and Mares (1987) found significant age-related cranial variation in *Bolomys* (assigned by them to *lasiurus*) from central Bolivia. They found sexual dimorphism to be present as well, with males slightly larger in most of the craniodental characters they examined. They assigned specimens from a number of Bolivian and Paraguayan localities to *B. lasiurus* and did not directly comment on the possible status of *B. lenguarum* or *B. tapirapoanus*.

Reig (1987), the most recent revisor, examined relevant specimens and clearly recognized *Bolomys lenguarum* as separate from *B. lasiurus* in the taxonomic sense. However,

he provided no data or specific comparisons as evidence for how they may be clearly recognized in a morphological sense.

We are reasonably certain that *Bolomys* from the Bolivian lowlands are not distinguishable at the subspecific level from *Bolomys tapirapoanus* from Mato Grosso, but we are uncertain how these populations may differ from Paraguayan *B. lenguarum* although we think that they are probably not distinguishable at the specific level. Detailed study of geographic variation based on more material is needed to resolve these questions. Further study is also needed to resolve the question of whether *B. lenguarum* and *B. lasiurus* are conspecific. For the moment we follow Reig's (1987) nomenclature.

Comparisons of *Bolomys lenguarum* to *B. amoenus* and to *B. lactens* are included in those accounts. Although superficial similarities in size, bodily proportions, and color make identification difficult in the field, *B. lenguarum* and species of *Akodon* seem separable on cranial characters in areas of geographic sympatry.

Specific localities in the departments of Chuquisaca and Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where *Bolomys lenguarum* occurs with *Akodon dayi* or *A. toba*, include the following: Chuquisaca: Laguna Palmar (with *A. toba*); Ayacucho (1751/6320); Santa Cruz: 6 km N of Buen Retiro; 3.5 km W of Estación Pailón; 8 km SE of Tita; 6 km W of Ascención; San Rafael de Amboró; Santiago de Chiquitos; Ayacucho (1700/6355); San Miguel Rincón; Buenavista; Warnes; río Pitasama; and Vallegrande.

#### APPENDIX: LIST OF SPECIMENS

All Bolivian specimens of *Bolomys* definitely identified by us, selected localities and specimens of Bolivian *Akodon*, and selected specimens of both genera beyond Bolivia are listed. Latitude and longitude are given in coded form (1428/6734 represents 14°28'S and 67°34'W) for Bolivian localities. Catalog numbers are given for selected specimens, including those specifically referred to in text, tables, or legends to figures, and those where some uncertainty might persist about the exact specimens referred to.

*Akodon dayi*. BOLIVIA: **Beni**: 1428/6734, Rurrenabaque, 9 AMNH; 1450/6623, Beni Reserve, río Curiaba, 1 MNLP. Cochabamba: 1620/6645, Yungas, 17 AMNH; 1648/6508, Todos Santos, 26 AMNH, 1 BMNH 20 FMNH, 1 MCZ; 1700/6550, Yungas, 1 AMNH; 1751/6440, 25 km by road W of Comarapa, 6 UMMZ. **La Paz**: 1401/6731, río Beni, 3 AMNH, 2 MSB; 1529/6731, 1 mi W of Puerto Linares, 8 MSU; 1540/6735, 35 km by road N of Caranavi, 2 AMNH. **Santa Cruz**: 1543/6309, 6 km by road W of Ascención, 3 AMNH, 5 MSB; 1635/6412, Punta Rieles, 4 AMNH, 7 CENETROP; 1636/6242, 10 km N of San Ra-

món, 3 AMNH, 1 MSB; 1637/6246, río Quiser, 3 CM (one with uncertain locality); 1649/6237, Palmarito, río San Julian, 5 CM; 1700/6355, Ayacucho, 14 AMNH, 1 CENETROP, 1 MNK; 1713/6338, 6 km N of Buen Retiro, 4 AMNH (includes 260474); 1724/6346, 25 km by road W of Buenavista, W bank of río Yapacani, 3 UMMZ (156305, 156306, 156245); 1727/6340, Buena Vista, 1 BMNH; 1730/6310, Warnes, 2 USNM; 1736/6336, San Rafael de Amboró, 3 AMNH (includes 261922), 4 MSB.

*Akodon simulator tartareus*. BOLIVIA: **Tarija**: 2128/6429, 38 km by road ENE of Tarija, Carlazo, 3 UMMZ; 2133/6447, Tablada, 8 BMNH; 2136/6445, 5 mi S Tarija, 2 MVZ; 2212/6436, 8 km by road N of Cuyambuyo, 1 UMMZ.

*Akodon toba*. BOLIVIA: **Chuquisaca**: 2045/6313, Porvenir, 1 AMNH, 1 MSB; 2056/6321, 2 km S and 10 km E of Tiquipa, Laguna Palmar, 1 AMNH. **Santa Cruz**: 1739/6245, 3.5 km W of Estación Pailón, 4 AMNH; 1818/5936, 4 km N and 1 km W of Santiago de Chiquitos, 2 AMNH; 1825/6210, Tita, 2 AMNH, 1 MNLP, 2 MSB; 1828/6407, 8 km SE of Tita, 1 AMNH (260532); 1857/5751, Puerto Suarez, 2 CM. **Tarija**: 2119/6325, 8 km S and 10 km E of Villa Montes, 34 AMNH (includes 246756), 1 MNLP.

*Akodon varius*. BOLIVIA: **Chuquisaca**: 1914/6513, Pulce, 1 AMNH. **Cochabamba**: 1721/6552, Colomi, 1 FMNH; 1724/6609, Cochabamba, 2 BMNH, 6 FMNH; 1726/6619, Vinto, 12 AMNH; 1731/6623, 15 mi E of Tapacari, 1 MVZ; 1731/6636, Tapacari, W of Cochabamba, 3 BMNH; 1734/6621, Paratani, 16 AMNH, 1 BMNH, 1 FMNH; 1742/6509, Totora, 1 BMNH. **Potosí**: 1918/6612, río Cachimayo, 4 AMNH. **Santa Cruz**: 1649/6237, Palmarito, río San Julian, 400 m, 5 CM; 1751/6440, 25 km by road W of Comarapa, 2800 m, 5 UMMZ; 1754/6432, 8.5 km by road W of Comarapa, 2300 m, 1 MSB; 1754/6434, 5 mi (8 km) W of Comarapa, 2310 m, 1 MVZ; 1755/6434, 1 km N and 8 km W of Comarapa, 2450 m, 3 AMNH; 1830/6406, Valleggrande, 1980 m, 2 USNM.

*Bolomys amoenus*. BOLIVIA: **Cochabamba**: 1721/6552, Colomi, 3800–4000 m, 2 BMNH (unregistered skins only, F. B. Steinbach field nos. 266 and 267); 1740/6535, 9.5 km by road SE of Rodeo, then 2.5 km on road to ENTEL antenna, 3875 m, 5 AMNH (260890, 260903–260906). PERU: **Puno**: 5 mi NW Puno, 3850 m, 8 AMNH (213559–213562, 213564–213567); 8 mi NW Puno, 3850 m, AMNH 213563, 232150; Puno, 3800 m, 13 AMNH (213552–213558, 213568–213572, 232151); Sangero, 4000 m, 1 BMNH (1.1.1.12). Peru only: 3 AMNH (232156, 232157, 232160).

*Bolomys lactens lactens*. ARGENTINA: **Catamarca**: Las Pavas, Aconguija, 2 BMNH

(25.12.13.40 and 41); Aconguija, 1 BMNH (28.10.14.6). **Jujuy**: Río Lavallen, 1 BMNH (20.1.7.100). **Tucumán**: Norco-Vipos, 4 BMNH (26.2.13.122 to 125). BOLIVIA: **Tarija**: 2127/6419, Rancho Tambo, 61 km by road E of Tarija, 2100 m, 4 AMNH (262761, 262764, 262767, 262769).

*Bolomys languarum tapirapoanus*. BOLIVIA: **Beni**: 1048/6525, 1.5 km NW Guayaramerin, 15 AMNH; 1048/6526, 1 mi NW Guayaramerin, 10 AMNH; 1059/6606, Riberalta, 1 USNM; 1142/6516, 4 km S Santa Rosa, 3 AMNH; 1149/6506, 7 km N Lagoinha on río Mamoré, 1 AMNH; 1200/6506, Puerto More, 4 AMNH; 1200/6502, río Iténez, 20 km above mouth, 2 AMNH; 1213/6513, Cascajal, across river from, 2 AMNH; 1225/6428, río Iténez, bank opposite Principe da Beira [Brazil], 11 AMNH; 1228/6417, río Iténez, 1 km above Costa Marques [Brazil], 3 AMNH; 1229/6415, río Iténez, 4 km above Costa Marques, 5 AMNH; 1229/6418, río Iténez, 1.5 km below Costa Marques, 1 AMNH; 1229/6418, río Iténez, below Costa Marques, 2 AMNH; 1229/6417, río Iténez, bank opposite Costa Marques, 52 AMNH; 1230/6418, mouth of río Baures, 30 AMNH; 1230/6415, Pampa de Meio, 42 AMNH; 1232/6509, 17 km NNW Nuevo Berlin, 1 AMNH; 1234/6425, 15 km above Horquilla on río Machupo, 14 AMNH; 1240/6330, mouth of río Curiche, 6 AMNH; 1244/6428, Las Peñas, 4 FMNH, 1 USNM; 1248/6422, Nueva Calama, 1 USNM; 1304/6448, Camino Vilches, 8 FMNH; 1304/6449, San Joaquín, 26 FMNH, 7 USNM; 1306/6348, Boa Vista, 29 km NE San Joaquín, 3 USNM; 1310/6413, Cayoba, 1 USNM; 1310/6449, San Marco, 2 FMNH; 1312/6410, Cachuelita, 1 USNM; 1313/6448, Barranquita, 1 FMNH; 1315/6448, Yutirole, 7 AMNH; 1316/6515, Exaltación, 3 FMNH; 1320/6408, Magdalena, province of Iténez, 3 USNM; 1325/6435, Cafetal, 1 USNM; 1334/6154, Remansos, 1 AMNH; 1338/6525, río Yacuma, 2 km from mouth, 1 AMNH; 1338/6526, río Yacuma, 4 km from mouth, 1 AMNH; 1343/6521, Puerto Caballo, 146 AMNH; 1346/6330, Lago Victoria, province of Iténez, 1 FMNH, 4 USNM; 1355/6520, río Mamoré, 4 AMNH; 1412/6528, Fortaleza, province of Yacuma, 8 USNM; 1412/6527, Palacio Ranch, 90 km S Santa Ana, province of Ykuma, 2 USNM; 1420/6455, 10 km W San Pedro, 8 AMNH; 1420/6450, San Pedro, 1 FMNH; 1425/6532, La Esperanza, 7 USNM; 1434/6455, 23 km W San Javier, on río Mamoré, 12 AMNH; 1447/6451, río Ibare, 26 km from mouth, 1 AMNH; 1448/6414, Casarabe, 4 AMNH, 1 MSB; 1519/6444, Camiaco, 4 AMNH; 1534/6446, 15 km S Limoquije, 1 AMNH; exact coordinates unknown, río Iténez, 1 AMNH. **Chuquisaca**: 1931/6409, Monte Cantu, province of Tomina, 1 USNM;

2056/6321, 2 km S and 10 km E of Tiquipa, Laguna Palmer, 12 AMNH. **Cochabamba:** 1558/6442, mouth of río Chapare, 1 AMNH. **Santa Cruz:** 1543/6309, 6 km by road W of Ascención, 2 AMNH, 5 MSB; 1557/6441, 2 km N of mouth of río Chapare, 1 AMNH; 1628/6444, río Ichilo, 52 km S of mouth of río Chapare, 1 AMNH; 1647/6314, Estancia Cachuela Esperanza, 21 AMNH, 3 MSB; 1700/6355, Ayacucho, 2 AMNH; 1703/6335, 7 km N Santa Rosa, 1 AMNH; 1713/6338, 6 km N of Buen Retiro, 9 AMNH, 2 MSB; 1723/6332, San Miguel Rincón, 13 AMNH, 5 MSB; 1727/6340, Buenavista, 19 BMNH; 1730/6310, Warnes, province of Warnes, 17 USNM; 1736/6336, San Rafael de Ambaró, 13 AMNH, 3 MSB; 1739/6245, 3.5 km W of Estación Pailón, 7 AMNH, 1 MSB; 1745/6340, 4.5 km N and 1.5 km E of Cerro Amboro, río Pitasama, 1 AMNH; 1748/6310, Santa Cruz, province of Ibañez, 23 USNM; 1748/6310, "Santa Cruz" (city?), 1 USNM; 1748/6314, Km 7 on Santa Cruz to Cochabamba highway, 1 MSU; 1751/6309, Palmar, province of Ibañez, 4 USNM; 1751/6320, Ayacucho, province of Ibañez, 5 USNM; 1754/6326, Km 15 (SW) from Santa Cruz, 1 USNM; 1754/6429, Comarapa, 9 BMNH; 1808/6312, 7 km E and 3 km N Ingeniero Mora, 22 AMNH; 1810/6336, Vermejo, 8 AMNH; 1816/6007, 7 km N and 38 km W of Roboré, 8 AMNH, 1 MSB; 1818/5936, 4 km N and 1 km W of Santiago de Chiquitos, 9 AMNH, 5 MSB; 1819/6002, 29.5 km W of Roboré, 1 AMNH; 1828/6207, 8 km SE of Tita, 15 AMNH, 6 MSB; 1830/6406, Vallegrande, province of Vallegrande, 1 USNM (290910); 1925/6334, Gutierrez, province of Cordillera, 1 USNM; 2005/6334, near Camiri, 1 CAS. **Tarija:** 2149/6346, Caraparí, 2 BMNH (Thomas, 1925); 2241/6426, río Lipeo, 5 ANSP. **BRAZIL: Mato Grosso:** Tapirapoan, Siputuba River, 2 AMNH; Utiarity, near Salto Bello, 460–770 m, 2 AMNH; Urucum, 1 AMNH; Tres Buretyes, 1 AMNH; Base camp, 264 km N of Xavantina, Serra do Roncador, 11 BMNH.

*Bolomys linguarum linguarum*: ARGENTINA: **Chaco:** Avia Terai, 1 BMNH (34.11.4.77). **Corrientes:** Goya, 1 BMNH (98.12.3.25). **PARAGUAY: Caaguazú:** Caaguazú, 2 AMNH. **Chaco:** 50 km WNW Fortín Madrejón, Cerro Leon, 2 AMNH; Jesamatathla, BMNH 20.12.18.17 to 19; "N. Paraguay," 5 BMNH (99.11.1.2 to 6). **Presidente Hayes:** Puerto Piñasco, 1 USNM (236254).

*Bolomys obscurus obscurus*: URUGUAY: **Canelones:** Km 36 Interbalnearia, E of Montevideo, 1 AMNH. **Montevideo:** Colon, near Maldonado, 4 BMNH (99.1.1.1 to 4).

*Bolomys obscurus benefactus*: ARGENTINA: **Buenos Aires:** Bonifacio, F.C. Sud Argentina, 4 BMNH (16.10.3.34 and 36 to 38). **Dept. unknown:** El Chaco Austral. 1 BMNH (12.9.6.2).

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