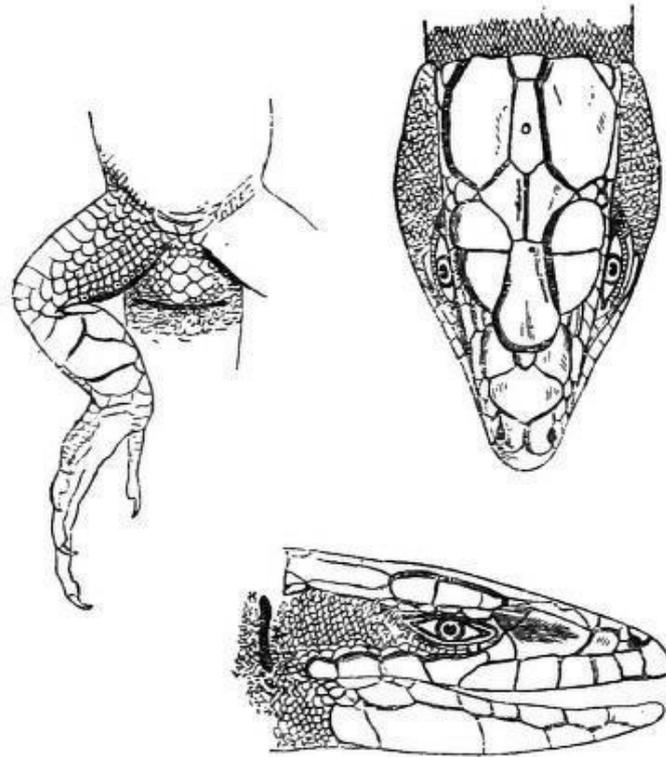


not keeled beneath. Hind-toe reaching forward to the ear, fore-toe extending back more than two-thirds of the distance to the thigh. Femoral pores 12 in each thigh. Pre-anal shields all smaller than the ventral.



A single specimen was obtained by Captain Sturt, to whom I am indebted for it, and after whom I have named it, in the Komayli pass, near Undul Wells.

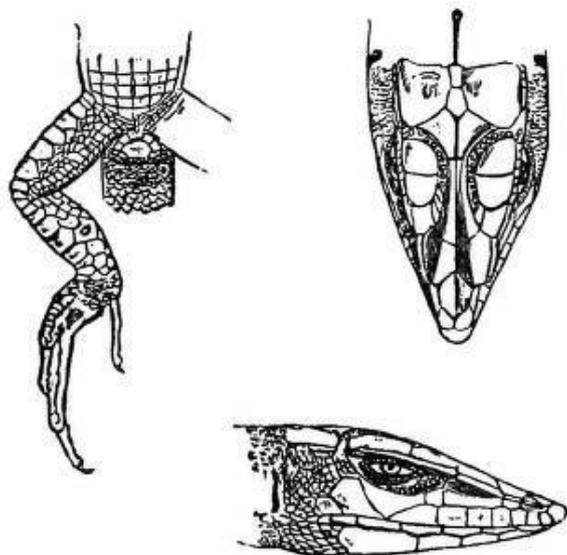
II. *Acanthodactylus mucronatus*, sp. nov.

A. griseo-fulva, fasciâ medianâ fuscâ dorsali, strigisque lateralibus ex griseo et fusco compositis ornata, pedibus supra fuscis, griseo-maculatis; nari in medio 4 squamarum positâ duarum anteriorum, duarum posteriorum, squamis supra-orbitalibus utrinque duobus, granulis supra infra et postice sed non antice circumdati, verticali. Elongato-pentagonali, in medio sulcatâ, post-occipitalibus magnis, polygonis squamis parvis 4 valde inæqualibus

intervenientibus. Pedis posterioris digitus fere ad rostrum attingit. Squama pre-analis magna, minoribus circumdata.

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| <i>Long. tota</i> | 6.5 |
| „ <i>capitis</i> | 0.52 |
| <i>Lat. ejusdem</i> | 0.3 |
| <i>Long. corporis</i> | 1.45 |
| „ <i>caudæ ab ano</i> | 4.6 |
| „ <i>pedis anterioris</i> | 0.75 |
| „ <i>ejusdem digiti tertii (et quarti) c. ungui</i> | 0.25 |
| „ <i>pedis posterioris</i> | 1.55 |
| „ <i>ejusdem digiti primi c. ungui</i> | 0.22 |
| „ „ <i>secundi</i> „ | 0.25 |
| „ „ <i>terti</i> „ | 0.35 |
| „ „ <i>quarti</i> „ | 0.53 |
| „ „ <i>quinti</i> „ | 0.35 |

Greyish tawny in colour, with a dark band along the centre of the back, and others of dusky mixed with



grey at the sides. Legs dusky above, spotted pale. Snout very pointed, somewhat alternate; nostrils in the centre of four small shields, two anterior and two posterior, a distinct *canthus rostralis* passing from the supra-orbital ridge to the nostrils; frenal region flat, vertical, consisting of two shields, the posterior by far

the largest. Two large supra-orbital shields on each side, the two surrounded, except in front, by small granular scales; between them in front is an elongately pentagonal vertical shield, with a central depressed groove; post-occipital shields large, separated by a row of small shields of very unequal size. Lower eyelid covered with small granular scales. Upper labials 8 or 9; of which six or seven are of moderate size, then a large sub-orbital shield, expanded above, and forming the lower part of the orbit. Lower labials 6; sub-mental shields 4 on each side, the hindmost about three-quarters the length of the other three together. Collar not very distinct, composed of about six larger scales, the central being the largest, passing at the extremities into the ordinary neck scales. Large ventral shields in six rows, with a smaller row at each side. A large pre-anal shield, surrounded by a ring of smaller ones. Femoral pores 18 in each thigh. Dorsal scales small, granular. Caudal scales oblong, strongly keeled. Hind legs long, the toe when laid forward almost reaches the end of the nose, the fore-foot laid back reaches three-quarters of the distance to the thigh.

A single individual was procured in the Anseba valley, where this lizard apparently abounded. Unfortunately no other specimens were taken, as I had confounded it with the next species. It closely allied to *Eremias Brenneri*, Peters (Monatsber. K. Preuss. Acad. 1869, p. 432); but differs in several points, especially in the number of supra-labial shields, the proportion of the sub-mental shields, and the greater length of the limbs. The colour also is very different.