

lian Batrachians. By J. J. Fletcher, M.A., B.Sc. The coitus of individuals belonging to about ten (out of about twenty-four) species occurring in the County of Cumberland has been observed, and the ova identified. With the exception of the two species of *Pseudophryne* which oviposit under stones, &c., near pools, all these deposit their ova in water in the ordinary manner; and from such evidence as has so far been obtained it will probably be found that with a possible exception or two a similar statement may be made about the others. The ovipositing periods are not so brief nor so well marked as e. g. in the case of the European species of *Rana*, and are largely determined by the rainfall, itself irregular; also as there are seasonal differences in the breeding times of different species, by taking two or three years' observations together one may meet with frog-spawn^s in every month of the year. — Mr. Deane exhibited on behalf of Mr. C. T. Musson of Narrabri a collection of Queensland Mosses, and the leg of a pigeon to which a ball of earth, weighing when dry nine grains, was found adhering. Mr. Musson also communicated some details, which will appear in full in the Proceedings, respecting the pigeon above referred to as a possible means of dispersion of seeds, and he records a case in which a land snail (*Vitrina* sp.) was found adhering to the elytron of a beetle whereby its migration beyond its normal habitat was to a limited extent rendered possible.

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