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## Linnean Society of New South Wales.

Abstract of Proceedings, September 26th, 1906. — Mr. D. G. Stead exhibited examples of the following species of fishes, which, he stated, were new to the fauna of New South Wales: — *Dasyatis sephen* (Forskal), from Clarence River; *Dasyatis uarnak* (Forskal), from Clarence River; *Epinophelus taurina* (Forskal), from Macleay River; *Genyoroge setae* (Cuvier and Valenciennes), from Broken Bay; *Emmelychthys nitidus* Richardson, from Port Jackson; *Auris thazard* (Lacépède), from Port Jackson; *Gasterochisma melanopus* Richardson, from Shoalhaven; *Bramichthys woodwardi* Waite, from Port Jackson; and *Sphaeroides pleurostictus* (Günther), from Clarence River. In addition, he recorded for the first time the occurrence of the well-known Albacore, *Germo germo* (Lacépède) on the coast; an adult specimen 43<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches in length was taken during 1903 at Port Macquarie, and portions of it had been handed to him for determination. Mr. Stead also pointed out that *Dasyatis sephen* above recorded is probably the most dangerous of all our stingrays, as it has a most powerful, muscular tail, and is able to strike further in any given direction with its long and sharp, barbed spine, than any other species. — Mr. Frogatt exhibited the larvae, pupae, cocoons and living specimens of *Axoniscus insignis* Pasc., taken from the stem of a damaged Kurragong tree at Juneee, N.S.W. Though the beetle is very common upon the bark of this tree, this is the first that the life-history had been recorded. The eggs appear to be laid in a damaged spot on the bark; and the larvae burrow and feed in the undersurface of the bark and the upper surface of the wood beneath. This causes a great exudation of gum, and it is probably to protect themselves from the gum that the larvae construct such solid cocoons in which to pupate. — Mr. Fletcher stated that he had received a letter from Miss Lodder dissenting from the explanation of the occurrence of small fishes (*Galaxias* sp.) in damp earth at Strahan, Tasmania, put forward at last Meeting. In Miss Lodder's opinion the fishes were not simply aestivating in ground which represented the bed of a water hole or swamp which had dried up, as they were found in a grass tussocky) poddock, probably swampy in the rainy season. Mr. S. Hall, M. A., Melbourne University, had also kindly written, calling attention to his note on a similar fish from the same locality. ["A Burrowing Fish (*Galaxias* sp.)", Victorian Naturalist, XVIII. 65, Aug. 1901]. — 5) Supplement to the "Revision of the *Cicindelidae* of Australia." By T. G. Sloane. — A small collection made by Mr. Hacker at Coen, 150 miles north Cooktown, comprised *Tricondyla aptera* Oliv., *Distipsidera* sp. n., *D. gruti* Pasc., *D. parva* Mael., *Cicindela iosceles* Hope, *C. doddi* Sl. and var. nov., *C. leai* Sl. and var. nov., and *C. semivittata* Brullé.

The specimens came to hand too late for consideration in the "Revision". —  
6) Descriptions of New Species of *Lomaptera* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae, Subfamily *Cetonides*). By A. M. Lea, F.E.S. — Two species are described, from specimens obtained by Mr. H. Hacker at Coen, N. Q., a district which appears to be singularly rich in showy beetles, especially in Cetonids and Longicorns.

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