A SHORT REVIEW OF THE LIZARDS BELONGING TO THE GENUS LIALIS GRAY.

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Genus Lialis Gray.


Definition.—Body elongate, snake-like, rudiments of hind limbs externally. Parietal bone single. Teeth numerous in both jaws, sharply pointed and directed backwards. Tongue flattened, elongate, papillose, nicked at the tip, much broader behind than in front. Ear small, exposed. Head elongate, depressed, covered with small, more or less irregular plates. Scales of body cycloid, imbricate, more or less sharply pointed posteriorly. The median pair of abdominal scales and the central caudals (at least on the anterior part) hexagonal, transversely enlarged. Preanal pores present.

Distribution.—Aru Islands, New Guinea and Australia.

Key to the species of Lialis:

Tip of snout truncate, rostral quite twice as broad as high, 4 preanal pores ... ... ... Lialis burtonis.

Tip of snout sharp pointed, rostral slightly broader than high, 6-8 preanal pores ... ... ... Lialis jicari.

Lialis burtonis Gray.


