
Vertebral Centra of *Typhlops braminus*.

MOOKERJEE in his note 'On the Peculiar Apertures in the Vertebral Centra of *Typhlops braminus*'⁷ states that he 'could

³ F. W. P. Götz, G. M. B. Dobson and A. R. Meetham, *Nature*, Aug. 19, p. 281, 1933.

⁴ K. R. Ramanathan, *Nature*, June 1, p. 834, 1929.

⁵ *Memoirs*, Indian Meteorological Department, 25, Part V, fig. 9, 1930.

⁶ G. Chatterjee, *Nature*, Nov. 23, p. 793, 1929.

⁷ *Proc. Zool. Soc.*, Part 2, 1933.

not get any reference to their presence in any of the previous literature'. Owen refers to these apertures in his *Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates*, Vol. I, 1886. He mentions, speaking of the vertebræ of Ophidia, at page 53 of the book, that 'a vascular canal perforates the under surface of the centrum and there are sometimes two or even three smaller foramina.' Mookerjee's

observations confirm Owen's statement for Typhlopidae.

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