

the report on our specimen was prepared, and, consequently, have been listed before it in the report<sup>(2)</sup>.

This species is new to Trinidad and according to Fraser<sup>(2)</sup> our discovery extends its known range by about 900 miles.

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#### **Is the Yapok or Water Opossum found in Trinidad?**

The water opossum, *Chironectes*, has never been reported from Trinidad although there are records from South America. I am certain that it is found here, as certain as any one can be from looking at a photograph which clearly showed an opossum with the characteristic markings on the back and the webbed hind feet of a yapok. In 1955 a hunter shot this animal in the swamps of Guayaguayare in south-eastern Trinidad. It was photographed before it was eaten because it looked different from other "manicous".

I have asked professional hunters in various parts of Trinidad, and particularly in this southern area, to save any opossums with an overall length of up to thirty inches, having webbed hind feet and black and grey dorsal markings which may form bands across the back, and to notify me immediately when such an animal has been shot.

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#### **The Club's Emblem**

The emblem of the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club is the Inca Beetle. This much is recorded in the Journal of October 1892, but the reasons for the choice were not recorded and may forever remain lost to posterity, since all the original members have died. The beetle itself was unknown to the island's entomologists whom we consulted and eventually, in order to have a new drawing made, a specimen was obtained on loan from the Commonwealth Institute of Entomology. The new drawing was made by Mr. J. S. Kenny.—*Ed.*

#### **TRINIDAD FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1954**

The Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club was reorganized at the beginning of 1954 after a lapse of a year or two and has had, on the whole, a successful year with a full schedule of activities. Nine meetings were held; there were lectures at five of them and discussions of various topics at the others.

The lectures and lecturers were as follows:

- Certain Aspects of Natural History by—Dr. G. A. C. Herklots.  
The Snakes of Trinidad by—Mr. L. Wehekind.