

Characters.—Size large, skull long-snouted; under parts bright orange-rufous.

Coloration.—Upper parts uniform seal brown, becoming lighter only on lower sides where the coloration merges gradually from burnt umber to the cinnamon rufous of the belly. Feet lighter than back, vandyke brown. Tail quite blackish above and on the sides, the median under surface becoming lighter. Under fur of upper parts chestnut brown. Under parts from chin to base of tail bright cinnamon rufous, the color uniform to the roots of the hair.

Measurements.—Head and body, 136 mm.; tail, 72; hind foot, 22.5. Skull: condylo-incisive length, 31; basilar length, 27; zygomatic breadth, 15.5; interorbital width, 6.7; length of nasals, 14; length of upper toothrow, 5; condylo-incisive length of mandible, 22.5.

Compared to *ansorgei* of the Kavirondo country of British East Africa, this form has the under parts much brighter red, the intensity of the red persisting through old age. *Sikapusi*, which has the same bright under parts, is a smaller race with a decidedly broader skull, with shorter, more convex nasal bones.

LOPHUROMYS NUDICAUDUS, new species

Sikapusi

Type from Efulen, Bula country, Kamerun; adult male, number 125436, U. S. Nat. Mus.; collected by G. L. Bates, August 4, 1903; original number, 26.

Characters.—Tail essentially naked, the annulations conspicuous; hair very harsh; skull with small flattened bullæ and shortened brain case, the parietal bones short.

Coloration.—Upper parts uniform seal brown, the hair uniform in color to the roots on median line, but lightening on sides. Feet vandyke brown. Under parts chiefly cinnamon rufous, the chest orange rufous. Tail quite naked, with distinct annulations, uniform deep seal brown in color.

Measurements.—Total length, 166 mm.; tail (skin), 60; foot, 18.5. Skull: condylo-incisive length, 25; basilar length, 21; zygomatic width, 13.5 (approximate); interorbital width, 6.5; length of nasals, 11.6; length of upper toothrow, 4.4; condylo-incisive length of mandible, 17.3.

This is a small species of *Lophuromys* and differs from the other described species in its very much harsher fur and essentially naked tail.