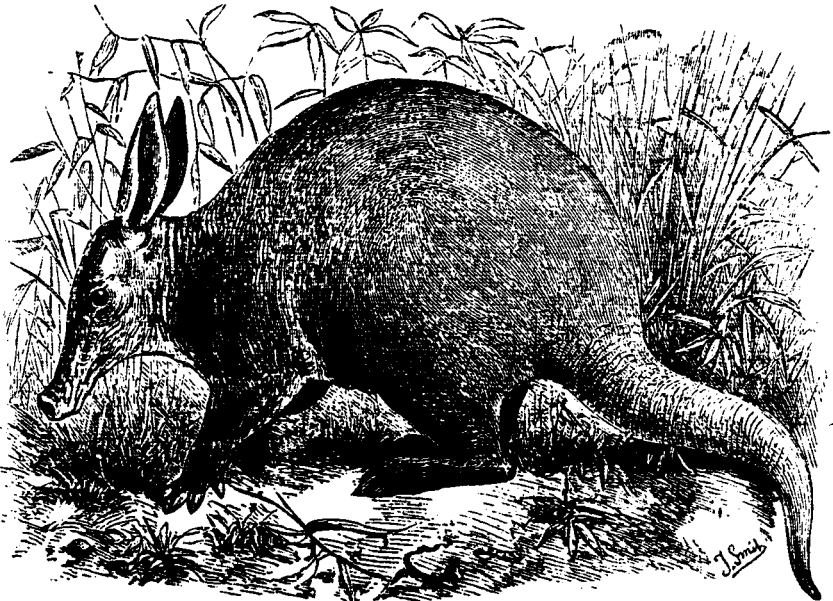


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## A gift from Nepal to London Zoo, 1921

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In 1921, the Prince of Wales, Edward VIII, visited Nepal from the 13th to the 21st of December. He took part in a magnificently arranged 'shoot' in the Nepal terai on the Rapti River, within the present Chitwan National Park. A detailed report appeared from the hand of Bernard C. Ellison in the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society (vol.28: 675-697, 1922). The party shot 17 tigers, 9 rhino, 2 leopards and 2 bears. On Sunday the 18th of December 1921 they stayed in the camp, but the Nepalese Maharajah presented a nice collection of animals to the Prince of Wales. A list of these is given on the next page (English names from Ellison, scientific names amended).

Ellison stated that "after being inspected by the Prince the collections were finally brought down to Bombay (arriving on the 10th January 1922 without casualties) where the animals and birds (sic) were temporarily housed in the Victoria Gardens previous to their being shipped to the London Zoo, their final destination."

A photograph of the young Indian rhino, while in Bombay, was published; it arrived in London on the 7th of April 1922.

A LIST OF SPECIES IN THE NEPAL COLLECTION :

- 1 Baby Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) \*
- 1 Rhino Calf (*Rhinoceros unicornis*)
- 2 Leopard Cats (*Felis bengalensis*)
- 2 Himalayan Black Bears (*Selenarctos thibetanus*)
- 1 Black Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)
- 1 Clouded Leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*)
- 1 Tiger (*Panthera pardus*)
- 1 Tibetan Fox (*Vulpes ferrilata*)
- 1 Mountain Fox (*Vulpes vulpes montana*)
- 2 Sambars (*Cervus unicolor*)
- 1 Thar (*Hemitragus jemiahicus*)
- 3 Musk Deer (*Moschus moschiferus*)
- 1 One-horned sheep
- 1 Four-horned sheep
- 1 One-horned Thibetan Shawl goat
- 2 Tibetan mastiffs (pups)
- 1 Monitor (*Varanus bengalensis*)
- 1 Python (*Python molurus*)

Birds :

- 4 Nepal Kalij (*Lophura l. leucomelana*)
- 1 White-crested Kalij Pheasant (*L. leucomelana hamiltonii*)
- 4 Monal Pheasant (*Lophurhus impejanus*)
- 4 Cheer Pheasant (*Catreus wallichii*)
- 2 Koklass Pheasant (*Pucrasia macrolopha*)
- 4 Chukore Partridges (*Alectoris chukar*)
- Swamp Partridges (*Francolinus gularis*)
- 2 Green Pigeons (*Treron curvirostra*)
- 10 Bronze-winged Doves (*Chalcophaps indica*)
- 3 Great Indian Adjudants (*Leptoptilos dubius*)
- 1 Hawk (*Accipter sp.*)
- Pea-fowl (*Pavo cristatus*)

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(\*I believe this was Ranee, who was k.b.o'd at Whipsnade in January 1941 - C.H. Keeling)