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**0601–265.** Saha BK, Nandi NC (Hamadryad, 230, Green Park, Narendrapur, Kolkata 700103). **A checklist of ophidian fauna of West Bengal, India along with their status, distribution and conservation.** *J Env Sociobio*, **2**(1&2) (2005), 49–60 [16 Ref].

A checklist of ophidian fauna (snakes) comprising of 112 species belonging to 9 families from West Bengal, India is presented along with their Bengali names, status, distribution and conservation needs. Of these, 46 species are considered herein to be rare, two species as threatened and one species as endangered in West Bengal. A considerable number of ophidian species exclusively inhabit the coastal waters and the Himalayan foothills. Some suggestions towards conservation and management have been given and inclusion of King Cobra under Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife Protection Act has been recommended.

**0601–266.** Sathe SS, Pawar SM, (Dept Biol Sci, Padmabhusan Dr Vasanta Raodada Patil Mahavidyalaya, Tasgaon 416312, Maharashtra). **Animal biodiversity of Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra, India.** *Nature Env Polln Techno*, **4**(3) (2005), 437–440 [5 Ref]

Sagarshwar is one of the most important wildlife sanctuaries in southern Maharashtra. A scientific study has been carried out with respects to biodiversity of animals and ecological aspects. The study has reported 7 reptiles, 75 birds and 11 mammals.

**0601–267.** Singh Shivesh Pratap, Gautam RSV (Dept Zoo, Govt PG Coll, Satna, MP). **Feeding ecology of wild Hanuman langurs in and around Majhgawan forest of Madhya Pradesh, India.** *Flora Fauna*, **11**(2) (2005), 133–135 [7 Ref].

Like all animals monkeys too require food for energy. The specific food may however vary according to species. age sex, habitat etc. The collected data present an analysis of the foraging strategy of a forest dwelling population of Hanuman langurs *Presbytis entellus*. Their groups attach cultivated fields feeding i.e. vegetable fields, crop fields, garden and orchards.