



First Record of the Asian Painted Frog, *Kaloula pulchra* Gray 1831 (Anura: Microhylidae), from Jharkhand, India

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The Asian Painted Frog (*Kaloula pulchra*) ranges from northeastern India east through Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Thailand to southern China, Cambodia, and Vietnam south to Singapore, Sumatra, Borneo, and Sulawesi, with introduced populations in the Philippines (Frost 2022). On 20 October 2021, NP and his friend Nirbhay Pandey found

an Asian Painted Frog (Fig. 1) in a hilly area near the hostel of the GLA College Campus Daltonganj on the outskirts of Dalton Ganj, Palamau, Jharkhand, India (24°02'43"N, 84°05'37"E) (Fig. 2), took it to the Department of Zoology, GLA College Medininagar, Jharkhand, where it was identified as *K. pulchra* based on keys and descriptions in Daniel and Sekar (1989), Das et al. (2004), and Ahmed et al. (2009). After being kept in captivity for ~24 h, it was released in the garden of the college. A photographic voucher has been deposited in the University Department of Zoology, Magadh University Museum (Voucher ID: AMP 01/21). The identity of the species was confirmed from the photograph by Dr. Bhriгу Nath (Associate Professor, Department of Zoology and Controller of Examinations, Magadh University Bodh Gaya). This is the first confirmed record of the species in Jharkhand.

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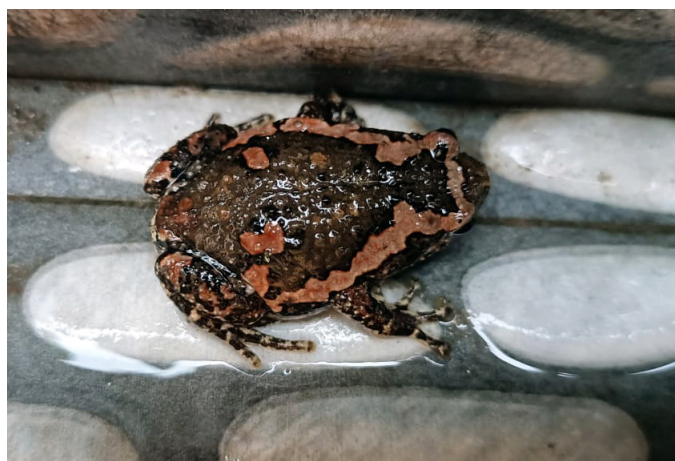


Fig. 1. An Asian Painted Frog (*Kaloula pulchra*) from Medininagar, Palamau, Jharkhand, India. Photograph by N. Pankaj.



Fig. 2. Habitat near the GLA College Hostel Daltonganj, Jharkhand, India, where an Asian Painted Frog (*Kaloula pulchra*) was captured. Photographs by N. Pankaj.

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