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Blyth, E. 1854. Notices and descriptions of various reptiles, new or little known. *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal* 23(3): 287–302.

Books:

Boulenger, G. A. 1885. *Catalogue of lizards in the British Museum (Natural History)*. Second edition. Vol. 1. Geckonidae, Eublepharidae, Uroplatidae, Pygopodidae, Agamidae. British Museum (Natural History), London. xii + 436 pp + Pl. I–XXXII.

Chapters in books:

Steindachner, F. 1867. Zoologischer Theil, Band 1. Reptilien. In: *Reise der österreichischen Fregatte Novara um die Erde in den Jahren 1857, 1858, 1859 unter den Befehlen des Commodore B. von Wüllerstorff-Urbair*. Kaiserlich-Königlichen Hof- und Staatsdruckerie, Wien. 98 pp + Pl. I–III.

Unpublished reports:

Moody, S. M. 1980. Phylogenetic and historical biogeographical relationships of the genera in the family Agamidae (Reptilia: Lacertilia). Unpublished Ph. D. Dissertation, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 373 pp.

Publications in languages other than English:

Szczerbak, N. N. & M. L. Golubev. 1986. [The gekko fauna of the USSR and contiguous regions.] *Nauka Dumka*, Kiev. 231 pp; 8 pl. [In Russian.] English edition 1997, *Contributions to Herpetology*, Vol. 13. SSAR, Oxford, Ohio.

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