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SORICIDAE

Suncus etruscus hosei (Thomas, 1893)

In the course of a survey by pitfall-trapping of ground-dwelling invertebrates in lowland rainforests of the Gunung Mulu National Park, N.M. Collins (see, for instance, Collins, 1980) caught four examples of this very small shrew. Hitherto, it had been known in Borneo only by the type specimen,

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