

Theobaldius konkanensis

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Theobaldius konkanensis Latest News

A team of researchers from India and the U.K. recently discovered a species of land snail from the Konkan region of Maharashtra and named it, 'Theobaldius konkanensis'.

About Theobaldius konkanensis

- It is a **new species of land snail** discovered from the **Konkan region of Maharashtra**.
- It is **endemic to the northern Western Ghats**.
- The species was principally found in **tropical evergreen and semi-evergreen forests**.
- The live specimens were found on the forest floor in leaf litter and on damp fallen branches from June to September, and at other times of the year only shells were observed.

Theobaldius konkanensis Features

- It is **active during the day and night**, with live individuals being easily found in the afternoon in well-shaded places under the forest canopy.

- It co-occurs with other ground-living land-snail genera.
- It is unique for its **slightly flattened shell** and **raised centre**.
- Also near the snail's neck, where the shell begins, a triangular-shaped outline of the shell is jutting out, and the **protective cover has a raised edge and tiny spines**.
- The **shell is corneous yellow with brown striations**, and the body is stout and rounded.

Theobaldius konkanensis FAQs

Q1. Theobaldius konkanensis is endemic to which region?

Ans. Northern Western Ghats

Q2. In what type of habitat is Theobaldius konkanensis primarily found?

Ans. Tropical evergreen and semi-evergreen forests

Q3. What color is the shell of Theobaldius konkanensis?

Ans. Corneous yellow with brown striations

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