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A Sable Antelope collected by Kermit Roosevelt in the Shimba Hills, British East Africa, represents a form easily distinguishable from *Ozanna niger*. It is here described, this paper being the sixth dealing with the results of the Smithsonian African Expedition.

OZANNA ROOSEVELTI, new species

Type from the Shimba Hills, British East Africa, adult female, number 550, E. Heller, collected by Kermit Roosevelt, December 14, 1909.

Coloration.—Snout black medially from the tip to the base of the horns, the black separated from the rhinarium and horn bases by a narrow band of reddish brown; a black stripe enclosing eye and extending from base of horns to the upper lip midway between angle and tip of snout; hairs covering anteorbital gland creamy white, set off from rest of face by their whiteness and greater length, and merging rather abruptly into the buffy stripe which extends forward to the tip of the snout; cheeks and throat below the dark ocular stripe whitish; sides of head and neck posterior to eye, including base and outside of ear, light chestnut like the general body color. Inside and margin of ear coch white, the tip with short, dark brown tufts. Whole dorsal region, including head, posteriorly light chestnut, darkest dorsally becoming slightly lighter on the sides, where it extends well down and is sharply defined against the white underparts. Neck clothed with a well-developed mane, which extends from the ears posteriorly to the middle of the back, the individual hairs black at base and tip, with the median third chestnut brown like the back. Chest and lower throat black, the black extending down front of fore legs as a broad stripe to the hoofs, where it spreads and embraces the pasterns and false hoofs; posterior part of fore legs colored like the upperparts. Hind legs colored like the upperparts, with the exception of bands above the hoofs embracing pasterns and false hoofs. Tail black, well haired

terminally; the underside basally becoming brownish. Underparts white from between fore legs posteriorly to base of tail and lower rump, the white extending down on inside of thigh as far as knee.

Measurements.—Skull: Condylbasal length, 415; basilar length, 365; zygomatic width, 150; interorbital constriction, 108; nasal, 144; maxillary toothrow, 109 mm.

Compared to *O. niger*, of South Africa, this species is very much lighter in dorsal coloration, only the dark head stripes, throat, and fore legs being sable, the general body coloration being light chestnut in marked contrast to these dark areas. There is also less contrast in the head markings, the light stripes being buffy yellow rather than white.

Named for Kermit Roosevelt, to whose indefatigable energy many of the rarer species of big game in the collection are due.