Creeper (クリーパー)

Magazine Research Record



Issue No. 90, 2021. One of two issues represented in the collection.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	Japan
Publisher	クリーパー社 (Creeper-sha / Creeper Publishing)
Publisher address	2-6-7 Nakai, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 161-0035, Japan
Magazine title	Creeper (クリーパー)
Publication status	Active
Publication run	2000 to present
Editor	Pending research update
Printer	Pending research update
ISSN	Pending research update
Language	Japanese
Publication type	Reptile and amphibian information magazine
Publication frequency	Bimonthly
Collection coverage	Selected issues from 2021 through 2022
Earliest issue represented in the collection	No. 90 (2021)
Latest issue represented in the collection	No. 93 (2022)
Publisher representative	Motoo Udagawa (宇田川 元雄)
Publication place	Tokyo, Japan

Preservation Significance

These issues have preservation value because they document a specialized Japanese reptile and amphibian publication that combines captive husbandry, breeding reports, taxonomy, natural history, field observations, conservation topics, and the Japanese herpetocultural community. For an

English language preservation project, the physical copies also preserve material that is less accessible to researchers and hobbyists who do not read Japanese or routinely search Japanese catalogs and publisher archives.

The two issues further demonstrate why retaining the original physical publication matters bibliographically. The prominent “vol. 7” and “vol. 10” on the covers refer to the Breeding Report Special series, while the magazines themselves are both bibliographic Volume 16. Preserving the issues together with accurate metadata prevents that distinction from being lost or miscataloged. No. 90 is also listed by the publisher as sold out, making the physical copy useful evidence of an issue that is no longer available as a normal publisher back issue. Together, Nos. 90 and 93 preserve a snapshot of Japanese reptile and amphibian publishing, husbandry practice, field reporting, and taxonomic interests in 2021 and 2022.

Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

The publication record identifies Creeper as 爬虫・両生類情報誌, a reptile and amphibian information magazine published in Tokyo by クリーパー社 (Creeper-sha / Creeper Publishing). Motoo Udagawa (宇田川 元雄) is identified as the publisher representative. The National Diet Library catalog records the publication as beginning in 2000 and continuing in publication, with bimonthly frequency.

Field	Information
Publisher address	2-6-7 Nakai, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 161-0035, Japan
NDL call number	Z74-G423
NDL bibliographic ID	000010369484
Subject	Reptiles and amphibians; captive care, breeding, taxonomy, natural history, field reports and herpetoculture

International Distribution

Pending research update. International circulation and distribution arrangements for the represented issues have not been established in this record.

Issues Represented in the Collection

Field	Information
No. 90	Bibliographic Vol. 16. 2021. 128 pages. Breeding Report Special vol. 7; wolf snake classification; cover dominated by a wolf snake image.
No. 93	Bibliographic Vol. 16. 2022. 136 pages. Breeding Report Special vol. 10; turtle keeping and breeding introduction; Daito Islands field report.

Issue No. 90: 2021

The physical cover identifies No. 90, 2021 and prominently features “繁殖レポート特集 vol.7” (Breeding Report Special vol. 7). The publisher’s back issue record identifies it as a 128 page issue.

Section	Content
Breeding Report Special vol. 7	Breeding and keeping reports on the Assam roofed turtle, big headed musk turtle, Sulawesi crocodile skink (Bacon’s water skink), and Kirara glossy snake.

Special feature 2	Overview and classification of wolf snakes: wolf snakes and false wolf snakes.
Contributions	Practical feeding related report; Indian star tortoise multigenerational breeding from live born young; leopard gecko discussion.
Field memo	Tsushima.
Reference feature	Latest Reptile & Amphibian Illustrated Guide: 2021 spring.
Events	Japan Reptiles Show 2021 in Yokohama; Aquarium Tokyo; Tokyo Reptiles World 2021; Hiroshima Reptiles World 2021.
Serial features	Retro future of reptiles and amphibians vol. 4; introduced reptiles and amphibians feature on Cane Toad; essays and news/information.

Issue No. 93: 2022

The physical cover identifies No. 93, 2022 and prominently features “繁殖レポート特集 vol.10” (Breeding Report Special vol. 10). National Diet Library and CiNii records identify the issue as Volume 16, No. 93 (2022). The publisher lists it as 136 pages.

Section	Content
Breeding Report Special vol. 10	Reports on Nephrurus knob tailed geckos, southern forest dragon, satanic leaf tailed gecko, Mississippi musk turtle “lavender albino,” Bacon’s water skink, Ryukyu green snake, striped mud turtle, horned leaf frog and additional taxa.
New series	Introduction to keeping and breeding turtles as pets.
Field report	Daito Islands.
Contributions	Two newly described Mexican mud turtles; Indian star tortoise indoor egg laying example; discussion of Australian lizards in CITES Appendix III and the CITES Conference of the Parties in Panama.
Reference feature	Latest Reptile & Amphibian Illustrated Guide: 2022 winter.
Events	Japan Reptiles Show winter; Osaka Reptiles Fever; Gecko Market Spring; Aquarium Tokyo; Japan Reptiles Show / Yokohama event.
Serial features	Introduced reptiles and amphibians feature on Brown Anole and designated invasive anoles; essays; news/information.

Bibliographic / Preservation Notes

- The National Diet Library catalogs Creeper as a Japanese bimonthly magazine published by Creeper-sha in Tokyo and continuing in publication.
- The publisher identifies Motoo Udagawa (宇田川 元雄) as the company representative and identifies Creeper-sha as publisher of the reptile and amphibian information magazine Creeper.
- The NDL issue sequence confirms that No. 90 (2021) and No. 93 (2022) both belong to bibliographic Volume 16. The “vol. 7” and “vol. 10” printed prominently on the covers refer to the numbered Breeding Report Special feature, not to the magazine’s bibliographic volume number.
- For website metadata, No. 90 should be cataloged as Volume 16, Issue 90 (2021), and No. 93 as Volume 16, Issue 93 (2022). “Breeding Report Special vol. 7” and “vol. 10” should remain cover feature information rather than journal volume numbers.
- The publisher’s back issue archive states that No. 90 is sold out and provides detailed contents for both No. 90 and No. 93.

Website Category Placement

Field	Information
Primary section	Magazine Preservation
Country grouping	Japan
Publication title	Creeper (クリーパー)
Publisher	クリーパー社 (Creeper-sha / Creeper Publishing)

Language	Japanese
Collection note	Selected issues from 2021 through 2022
Preservation emphasis	Japanese specialist herpetological publishing, husbandry and breeding documentation, field reporting, taxonomy, and accurate distinction between bibliographic volume numbering and numbered cover features

Source Notes

Field	Information
Physical covers	Primary evidence for issue numbers, years and visible cover features.
Creeper-sha official company page	Publisher, publication purpose, Tokyo address and representative Motoo Udagawa.
Creeper-sha official back issue archive	No. 90 and No. 93 page counts, back issue status and detailed contents.
National Diet Library (NDL Search)	Publication title, publisher, publication place, bimonthly frequency, continuing status, bibliographic volume and issue sequence.
CiNii Research	Independent article level confirmation of Creeper Volume 16 issues and Creeper-sha, Tokyo.

Research Cautions

- The prominent “vol. 7” on No. 90 and “vol. 10” on No. 93 are Breeding Report Special feature numbers, not the magazine’s bibliographic volume numbers.
- The collection contains selected issues only. Collection coverage should not be read as the full publication run.
- English renderings of Japanese feature titles are descriptive translations for the research record; the original Japanese wording remains the primary printed evidence.