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## List of Publications 1938-1983

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### Explanatory Note

John Romer arranged for his papers to be deposited in the library of the Zoological Society of London (ZSL). Jack Greatrex, formerly of the Department of History in the University of Hong Kong and now at Nanyang Technical University in Singapore, as part of his research on the history of pest control, examined the papers and found Romer's CV from circa 1980 as well as a notebook containing details of his early popular and scientific publications. The CV excludes popular publications. Jack kindly sent the information to me and I have compiled the following list arranged in chronological order. A few more publications came to light in searches online; they have been added. It is possible—even probable—that further popular publications remain to be found. Some of the detail, like page numbers, is incomplete. A further visit to the ZSL library is needed in order to fill in nearly all of that missing information (marked in red below).

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Romer JD. 1939. The newts of the British Isles. *Aquarist and Pondkeeper* (May 1939). [volume page numbers](#)

Romer JD. 1939. Breeding the Spotted Salamander. *Aquarist and Pondkeeper* (June 1939). [volume page numbers](#)

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Romer JD. 1940. The habits of the Edible Frog. *Aquarist and Pondkeeper* (April 1940). [volume page numbers](#)

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#### 1941

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## 1946

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Romer JD. 1947. An uncommon habit observed in the frog *Rana erythraea* Schleg. *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society* 47, 173-174.

## 1948

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Romer JD. 1948. Reptile life in Hong Kong (2) - What to do in emergency. *Hong Kong Sunday Herald*. 25 July 1948.

Romer JD. 1948. Reptile life in Hong Kong (3) - The geckoes. *Hong Kong Sunday Herald*. 1 August 1948.

Romer JD. 1948. Reptile life in Hong Kong (4) - Sea snakes. *Hong Kong Sunday Herald*. 8 August 1948.

Romer JD. 1948. Reptile life in Hong Kong (5) - Our dangerous land snakes. *Hong Kong Sunday Herald*. 15 August 1948.

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