

**1** Rings on tail :

present => 2

absent => *Genetta piscivora*

**2** Relative width of the bright rings over the dark rings (middle of tail, dorsal view) :

less than 20 % => 3

between 50 and 75 % => 4

ca. 100 % => 5

ca. 200 % => 6

**3** Interorbital constriction :

strong (inferior to 1 - 0.12) => 7

intermediate (equal to 1 +/- 0.12) => 8

weak (superior to 1 + 0.12) => *Genetta servalina*

**4** Coat of forefoot :

dark => *Genetta cristata*

same as ground coloration but dark around pads => 9

same as ground coloration => 10

**5** Mid-dorsal line, coloration :

longitudinally crossed by a brighter (ground coloration) line => 11

full dark => *Genetta genetta*

**6** Mid-dorsal line, coloration :

longitudinally crossed by a brighter (ground coloration) line => 12

full dark => *Genetta felina*

**7** Longitudinal coalescence of the first row of dorsal spots (contiguous to mid-dorsal line) :

absent => *Genetta pardina*

weak, at the rump (fusion of 2-3 spots) => *Genetta victoriae*

complete, forming a continuous stripe on the whole back => *Genetta poensis*

**8** Distal part of the tail :

alternation of dark and bright rings => *Genetta johnstoni*

several bright terminal rings are covered with dark => *Genetta burloni*

**9** Longitudinal coalescence of the first row of dorsal spots (contiguous to mid-dorsal line) :

absent => *Genetta tigrina*

important, at the rump (fusion of > 3 spots) => *Genetta angolensis*

**10** Ventral inflation of the caudal entotympanic bone (ceb) :

strong (twice as much inflated than ectotympanic bone) => *Genetta maculata*, *Genetta "letabae"*

very strong (thrice as much inflated than ectotympanic bone) => *Genetta "schoutedeni"*

**11** Ventral inflation of the caudal entotympanic bone (ceb) :

weak (similar level of inflation with ectotympanic bone) => *Genetta abyssinica*

strong (twice as much inflated than ectotympanic bone) => *Genetta thierryi*

**12** Shape of the first dark rings of the tail :

"chevron" => *Poiana leightoni*

circle => *Poiana richardsonii*