ARVICOLA APELLA.—LE CONTE.

WOODHOUSE'S ARVICOLA.

(Not figured.)

A. Auribus brevissimis sub pilis occultis, intus et extus pilosis. Pedibus gracilibus, brevibus. Cauda brevi, supra obscurè badia, subtus cinereo-plumbea.

CHARACTERS.

Ears very short, concealed beneath the fur, clothed with hair on both surfaces ; feet slender and short ; tail short, brown above, greyish beneath.

SYNONYME.

ARVICOLA APELLA.—Le Conte, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci., Phil., Oct. 25, 1853, p. 405.

DESCRIPTION.

Head short and blunt ; ears rounded, very short, slightly hairy, both within and without, entirely concealed under the fur, antitragus short, semi-circular. Legs very short ; feet covered with short, shining hairs ; thumb tubercle furnished with a short, blunt nail ; tail very short.

COLOUR.

Hair dark lead-colour, above tipped with brown, redder on the sides ; beneath grey, inclining to brownish on the chin and throat ; feet pale brownish ; tail brown above, greyish beneath.

DIMENSIONS.

							Inches.	Lines.
Length (including the tail),	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7
“ of head,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
“ “ ears,	-	-	-	-	-	-		2
“ “ fore leg,	-	-	-	-	-	-		5
“ “ hind “	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
“ “ tail,	-	-	-	-	-	-		7

HABITS.

This animal was procured in Pennsylvania by Dr. WOODHOUSE, in the cultivated portions of that state, and probably has the same propensities and instincts as the other Arvicolæ of North America.

As Major LE CONTE gave it no common name, we have taken the liberty of calling it WOODHOUSE'S Arvicola, after the gentleman who procured it.

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