ARVICOLA AUSTERUS.—LE CONTE.

BAIRD'S ARVICOLA.

(Not figured.)

A. Supra fusco et nigro permixtus, subtus obscurè *schistosus*. Auribus extra pilos extantibus, extus pilosis. Cauda gracili, densè pilosa.

CHARACTERS.

Colour, above mixed brown and black, beneath dark slate-colour, mixed with brown; ears longer than the fur, hairy on the outside; tail slender, thickly clothed with hair.

SYNONYME.

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DESCRIPTION.

Head large and blunt; ears rounded, longer than the fur, outwardly hairy, inwardly only so on the upper margin; antitragus large, semi-circular; whiskers shorter than the head; feet covered with shining hair; thumb tubercle with a compressed, sharp, hooked nail.

Tail slender, covered with short hairs.

COLOUR.

Hair, above dark plumbeous, tipped with brown and black, beneath dark slate-coloured, mixed with brown, particularly on the breast, the upper and under surfaces of the body being nearly alike; whiskers black and grey; feet grey; tail mixed brown and black above, brownish grey beneath.

DIMENSIONS.

									Inches.	Lines.
Length,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
"	of	head,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
"	"	ears,	-	-	-	-	-	-		8
"	"	fore leg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
"	"	hind "	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
"	"	tail,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4

HABITS.

Of the habits and manners of this species we have no account. Like the foregoing, it has had no common name bestowed on it by Major LE CONTE. We therefore have called it BAIRD'S Arvicola, as it was found or obtained by Prof. BAIRD. It inhabits Wisconsin.

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