SOREX COOPERI.—BACH.

COOPER'S SHREW.

(Not figured.)

CHARACTERS.

Body very small ; nose long ; no external ears ; tail as long as the body ; colour, dark brown.

SYNONYME.

SOREX COOPERI.—Bachman, Jour. Acad. Nat. Sci., Philadelphia, vol. vii., part ii., 1837, p. 388.

DESCRIPTION.

Body very slender, head rather long, and nose thin and pointed ; legs slender and long, especially the hind legs. They are covered with fine adpressed hairs to the extremities of the nails. Tail large and thick for the size of the animal ; flattened on the sides and beneath, rounded above, clothed with fine hair and tipped with a pencil of hairs. The eye is small, but is visible through the fur, and apparently not covered by an integument.

The point of the nose is slightly divided ; there is no external ear, and the transverse auditory opening is completely concealed by the fur.

COLOUR.

Hair cinereous for two thirds of its length above, and tipped with shining chestnut brown ; beneath tipped with ash color ; feet grey ; tail brown above, silver grey beneath.

DIMENSIONS.

	Inches.
From point of nose to tail, - - - - -	1 $\frac{7}{8}$
Length of tail, - - - - -	1 $\frac{7}{8}$
From eye to point of nose, - - - - -	$\frac{3}{8}$
Length of head, - - - - -	$\frac{3}{8}$
From heel to middle claw, - - - - -	$\frac{7}{8}$

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