SOREX FIMBRIPES.—BACH.

FRINGE-FOOTED SHREW.

CHARACTERS.

No external ears ; tail a little shorter than the body ; feet broad, fringed at the edges ; body dark brown.

SYNONYME.

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DESCRIPTION.

Nose long and movable, with the tip slightly lobed ; head large and flat. The eye is a mere speck, covered by the common integument, and is found with great difficulty. Whiskers, long, extending considerably beyond the head ; no external ears, and the transverse auditory opening very small ; fore-feet broad, and clothed with short fine hairs extending to the extremities of the nails, the edges on the lower surface considerably fringed beneath the palms with long brownish hairs. Tail of moderate size, square, and gradually tapering to the point.

The fur is considerably longer than in any other of our species of shrew of the same size.

COLOUR.

Teeth yellowish ; whiskers white ; there is a lightish edge around the upper lip ; feet dingy yellow.

The fur on the upper surface is for two thirds of its length, bluish ash, and is tipped with brown, which gives it a changeable brown appearance. Throat and beneath dark fawn colour. Under side of tail buff ; point of tail nearly black.

DIMENSIONS.

	Inches
From point of nose to root of tail, - - - - -	$2\frac{1}{8}$
Length of tail, - - - - -	$1\frac{3}{4}$
From orifice of ear to point of nose, - - - - -	$\frac{3}{4}$
“ eye to point of nose, - - - - -	$\frac{3}{8}$
“ heel to end of middle claw, - - - - -	$\frac{1}{2}$
Breadth of fore-feet, - - - - -	$\frac{3}{16}$
Length of whiskers, - - - - -	1

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