

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

WOOD TURTLE FROM ONTARIO.—About May 1st, 1933, I received from Mr. Elwood Campbell of Clinton, Huron County, two specimens of the wood turtle (*Clemmys insculpta* (Le Conte)) which he had collected in the vicinity of Clinton. One of these was given to the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology and the other retained at the Ontario Agricultural College. The publication of this brief note appears to be warranted by the scantiness of previously published information on the occurrence of this turtle in Ontario.—W. E. HEMING, *Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario.*

ANOTHER WOOD TURTLE RECORD FROM ONTARIO.—During the summer of 1934 I followed up the discovery of the wood turtle near Clinton, Ontario, by visiting the vicinity where the specimens reported by Mr. Heming had been found. On July 26, 1934, in company with Mr. Elwood Campbell, and my nephew D'Arcy LeRay, I visited the farm of Mr. Fred Hopkins, Holmesville, near Clinton, Huron County. During the evening of that day, Mr. Campbell found two specimens under the roots of scrub willows near a small stream. The next morning D'Arcy LeRay and I each found one. In both cases, the individual was sunning itself on a mass of debris at the side of the stream.—W. J. LERAY, *Department of Biology, University of Toronto.*

THE OPOSSUM IN KENT COUNTY, ONTARIO.—A fine female opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) was trapped on or about December 15th, 1934, on the farm of Mr. Hiram McLarty, township of Howard, Kent County, Ontario. It was caught in a burrow under a stump. This is the second specimen from this locality. The previous one

was taken by Mr. Bert E. Shanks, lot 16, concession 6, township of Harwich, Kent Co., about the middle of February, 1892. It was found under a partly uprooted tree by Mr. Shank's hound which worked all day trying to dislodge it. In the evening Mr. Shanks assisted the hound and they succeeded in capturing it. The opossum is believed to have been in hibernation. The snow was quite deep at the time and as Mr. Shanks was cutting logs, he passed the place where the opossum was found every day and no tracks had been seen at any time. This latter specimen is now in the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology.—J. H. SMITH, *Blenheim, Ontario.*

ANOTHER LEAST WEASEL SPECIMEN FROM ONTARIO.—During the summer of 1931, a flat "unmade" skin of the least weasel, (the form *Mustela rixosa rixosa*, assumed on geographic grounds) was presented to the field party of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology by Mr. Arthur Caron of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Mr. Caron informed the writer that this weasel was taken along the railway track at Tatnall, near Oba, Ontario, in late summer, 1929, by his brother. It is in the brown pelage.

This is the second inland Ontario specimen, the other, taken at Heaslip, Temiskaming District, has been recorded by Saunders, (*Trans. Royal Can. Inst.*, July, 1932). The earlier records are of specimens in the United States National Museum taken at "Fort Albany" and "Moose Factory" and were recorded by Bangs (*Proc. Biol. Soc. of Wash.*, Feb., 1896).

Seton, in his *Life Histories of Northern Animals* (p. 861) marks a record on his map of distribution which falls on the Minnesota-Ontario boundary line. The text, however, does not supplement this record with a specific locality statement.—L. L. SNYDER.

BOOK REVIEWS

AMERICAN BIRD BIOGRAPHIES; containing the complete life-histories of familiar birds written in autobiographical form by Dr. Arthur A. Allan, Professor of Ornithology in Cornell University, etc. With ten colour plates and ten wash-drawings by George Miksch Sutton and 190 photographs of birds in nature by the author. Comstock Publishing Company, Ithaca, New York, 1934. pp. 238, large 8vo. Price \$3.50 in the U.S.

Anything on birds from the pen of Dr. Allen is worth while and this volume demonstrates the rule. In the mass of popular nature literature put before (often foisted upon) the amateur public one can rely on his work being not only delightfully presented to the casual reader but as accurate in its substance as a heavily scientific treatise. The volume consists of a number of life histories of familiar and interesting birds that have previously been run



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