

spatulata, *osoyooensis* or *cinnamomina*, to which last, however, Mr. Hollis's specimens show some approach in larger size.

Zapus hudsonius (campestris Preble?), HUDSONIAN JUMPING MOUSE. — Four, but the skull of no. 1.10.2.23. not seen.

Lepus americanus americanus Erxleben, SNOWSHOE RABBIT. — Four: One young male dated September 26, 1901, is in the brown coat. Two males collected on October 24, 1901, are in transitional pelage, and an adult female taken January 4, 1902, is in white

winter pelage.

Bison bison subsp.?, BISON. — One slightly weathered skull; recorded by Lydekker (*Catalogue of the Ungulate Mammals in the British Museum of Natural History*, vol. 1, p. 39, 1913) as *Bison bison bison*, and from Southwood Hills, which place name may be correct.

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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

FIRST RECORDED NEST OF BALTIMORE ORIOLE FOR NOVA SCOTIA. — On June 18th, 1938, at Berwick, Kings County, Nova Scotia, I had the delightful experience of watching at close range a pair of Baltimore Orioles (*Icterus galbula*) feeding their young in a nest which was typically suspended from the end of a long, drooping branch of an elm tree. According to my notes, compiled during the past 40 years, I find but 5 records of occurrence of this species in this province, including the foregoing which, so far as I can learn, constitutes the only breeding record. — R. W. TUFTS, WOLFVILLE, N. S.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS IN NOVA SCOTIA. — Four recent occurrences of the Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea violacea*), observed by the writer in the vicinity of Wolfville, N.S., are so unusual as to seem noteworthy.

On September 13, 1932, a first-year specimen, rather unwary, was easily collected as it stood beside a small creek of brackish water on the Grand Pré meadows, some four miles north-east of Wolfville. The presence here of this individual is perhaps attributable to the unusually violent gales of September 10, 1932. This bird is now in the Provincial Museum, at Halifax.

In the evening dusk of July 28, 1937, a male, in juvenal plumage, was taken as it flushed from a rather extensive, brackish marsh located a mile east of Wolfville, where it had been feeding. This bird was in excellent physical condition,

and the stomach contained a small eel and some broken-up Coleoptera. Originally made up in skin form, it has since been relaxed and mounted for the Provincial Museum.

The marsh, from which the July 28 bird was taken, gives way abruptly on one side to a long terminal moraine, the steep side of which is wooded by a mixed growth of spruce and birch. Here, at noon of August 12, 1937, a Night Heron was discovered perching drowsily in a large birch. This specimen was taken, and the gun report disturbed another, which had escaped notice in the thick foliage. It, too, was secured. Both are *violacea*, in juvenal dress. One of these was mounted for the collection of the Provincial Museum and the other, a skin, is in the National Museum of Canada.

I am aware of no unusual weather conditions immediately prior to the taking of the 1937 specimens, and probably their occurrence in Nova Scotia can best be ascribed to the tendency of some of the Ardeidae to post-breeding-season wandering.

Aside from the Yellow-crowned Night Heron reported by Kennard (*Auk*, 1902, 396) as having been taken at Cape Sable Island about April 1, 1902, I know of but one other record for Nova Scotia. The details regarding it were kindly supplied by Mr. R. W. Tufts from his copious notes on Nova Scotia birds and are as follows:

September 14, 1925. A specimen at Cole Harbour, Halifax Co., taken by William Shaw. This bird was mounted and is in the Provincial Museum at Halifax. — W. EARL GODFREY.

REVIEWS

OUR SHADE TREES — *A practical handbook containing reliable information for every owner of shade trees*; By E. Porter Felt, New York, Orange Judd Publishing Co. Inc.; 1938. \$2.00.

This volume of 187 pages prepared by Dr. Felt, the Director and Chief Entomologist of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, will undoubtedly be appreciated by lovers of shade trees in



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