

have been in the scrutinizing and addition of records. For instance, the Prairie Warbler, Carolina Wren and others have had notable additions to their Canadian status since the last edition; the Blue-wing Warbler and the Worm-eating Warbler have been added to the Canadian list, by the taking of specimens, and were recorded in the Auk for July, 1908; but when such criticism is offered, one must bear in mind that the list has been in type for a long time, and it may not have been possible to make these additions since it passed out of the authors' hands. Certainly it is a fact that there is less elasticity in the issuance of Government publications than is usual in the commercial world.

It is understood that the authors intend to issue an addendum to this list in the present year with the idea of making any corrections and additions that may be necessary to bring the matter thoroughly up to date. If all bird students will keep this matter in view while reading the work, and will make notes on such matters as deserve remarks and later on report these notes to the authors, they will materially assist the work of these gentlemen who have done so much for this branch of natural history.

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THE SMOKY SHREW. *Sorex fumeus*, the Smoky Shrew, is a small animal that is practically unknown from Ontario. Skilled collectors have taken and recorded a few specimens to the north and west of Muskoka, and now I wish to record the only two specimens that have been taken in the older part of the province. These were both taken by Mr. John A. Morden, near Hyde Park. One, a female, was trapped on December 9th, 1907, in a sphagnum and spruce swamp, 4 miles west of London. Mr. Morden recognized the tracks on the snow as being made by an animal new to him.

The second one was caught by Mr. Morden's cat and discarded by that animal, as being useless for her purpose. The date was April 7th, 1909, and the specimen is a male.

Both individuals are now in the collection of Mr. J. E. Keays, of this city. He and I have trapped considerably on the very ground on which Mr. Morden's first specimen was taken. This locality is the only place where we have been able to find *Synaptomys* near London, but we have never succeeded in taking *fumeus* there, although *Sorex personatus* is usually found in fair numbers, and sometimes appears to be quite common, whereas, through the country generally, it is rare. W. E. SAUNDERS, London, Ont.



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