

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

GENERAL NOTES.

A NEW NAME FOR THE GENUS *RHYNCHONYCTERIS* PETERS.

Rhynchonycteris, the name applied to a genus of Emballonurine bats, by Peters in 1867*, is preoccupied by *Rhynchonycteris* Tschudi 1844-46†, a synonym of *Anoura*. The earlier name *Proboscidea* proposed by Spix in 1823‡ and recently used by Allen§ is similarly invalidated by the *Proboscidea* of J. G. Brugière, 1791||. In the absence of any other published name, the genus, type *Vespertilio naso* Wied, may be known as *Rhynchiscus*.

—Gerrit S. Miller, Jr.

A SPECIMEN OF *BISON OCCIDENTALIS* FROM
NORTHWEST CANADA.

Examples of *Bison occidentalis* are as yet so rare in collections that an additional one is perhaps worthy of record. Among some specimens of recent large mammals received by the Biological Survey from Charles Sheldon, of New York, is an incomplete skull of a fossil bison, which seems referable to *Bison occidentalis*. It was found by Indians in the cut banks of a small creek which enters the Pelly River some twelve miles above Selkirk, Yukon Territory. The nasals, rostral region, palate, and teeth are missing, but the cranium, orbit, and horn cores are well preserved. Measurements of the horn cores are as follows: Vertical diameter, 105; transverse diameter, 105; circumference at base, 312; length on upper curve, 223; length on lower curve, 285; extent from tip to tip, 660. The length of the horn cores is rather less than in previous specimens referred to this species, but otherwise no serious discrepancies appear. For confirming my identification, I am indebted to F. A. Lucas, the original describer of the species.

—Wilfred H. Osgood.

AN EXTENSION OF THE RANGE OF THE WOOD TORTOISE.

The capture of an individual of the wood tortoise (*Chelopus insculptus*) August 19, 1906, on the Maryland shore of the Potomac, near Plummers Island, about 10 miles west of Washington, D. C., possesses some interest as it appears to mark the extreme southern limit of the species, Havre de Grace, as indicated by one specimen in the collection of the National Museum, being the previous southernmost record. The specimen in question has been added to the National Museum collection.

—H. W. Henshaw.

* Monatsber. k. preuss. Akad. Wissensch., Berlin, p. 477.

† Fauna Peruana, p. 71.

‡ Simiarum et Vesp. Brasil. Spec. Nov. p. 61.

§ Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XX, p. 343, October 8, 1901.

|| Ency. Méth., Vers. Intestins, p. 96.