

THE EARLIEST SYSTEMATIC NAME FOR THE TUOZA OR GEORGIA POCKET GOPHER.

This is usually cited as "*Mus tuza* Ord, Guthrie's Geography, 2d Amer. ed., vol. 2, 1815, p. 292"; but Dr. Charles W. Richmond calls my attention to an earlier publication of *Mus tuza*, by Barton, in Voigt's Magazin.

The original publication should be cited as follows:

Mus tuza Barton, Voigt's Magazin der Naturkunde, vol. XII, Pt. 5, November, 1806, p. 488 (see also p. 423). The type locality is Georgia.

—*Edgar A. Mearns.*

THE STATUS OF CERTAIN AMERICAN SPECIES OF MYOTIS.

In determining some bats of the genus *Myotis* from Lower California, Mexico, I have had occasion to examine the types of several of Harrison Allen's species with the result that two from that region are found to be currently misplaced in synonymy, doubtless owing to the fact that the skulls, which most readily reveal the differential characters, had not been removed from the skins. The status of a more recently described species is also involved, as shown below. It seems desirable to publish these corrections, at this time, for the information of other workers on the general group. Discussions of the two species follow:

Myotis volans (H. Allen).

1866. *V[espertilio] volans* H. Allen, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, p. 282. Type from Cape San Lucas, Lower California, Mexico.

1909. *Myotis capitaneus* Nelson and Goldman, Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, XXII, p. 28, March 10, 1909. Type from San Jorge, 30 miles southwest of Comondú, Lower California, Mexico.

Myotis volans (H. Allen) proves to be a valid species which has been regarded as identical with *Myotis californicus*.* It closely resembles that species externally, but the skull is widely different, being characterized, especially, by the short rostrum and very large fully expanded braincase. Through an unfortunate oversight *Myotis capitaneus* Nelson and Goldman was published without comparison with *M. volans* of which it is clearly a synonym.

Myotis yumanensis (H. Allen).

1864. *Vespertilio yumanensis* H. Allen, Monogr. North Amer. Bats, p. 58. Cotypes from Fort Yuma, California.

1866. *V[espertilio] obscurus* H. Allen, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, p. 281. Type from "Lower California" (taken by John Xantus probably at Cape San Lucas).

Vespertilio obscurus H. Allen, was assigned to the synonymy of *Myotis californicus* by Mr. G. S. Miller, Jr.,† the skull of the type being at the time still in the alcoholic skin. Removal of this skull and comparison with specimens of *M. yumanensis* point conclusively to identity with that species. Mr. Miller has concurred with me in the opinion that *Vespertilio obscurus* should, therefore, be transferred from the synonymy of *Myotis californicus* to that of *Myotis yumanensis*. —*E. A. Goldman.*

* Miller, North Amer. Fauna, No. 13, 1897, p. 69.

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