

*Characters*.—Similar to *E. epixanthus* but tail and hind feet shorter; body, flanks and sides of tail even yellower; face whiter from more abundant admixture of yellowish white hairs on sides of face and between eyes, so that the fore part of head appears almost grayish instead of sooty.

*Cranial characters*.—Compared with typical *epixanthus* from California the skull as a whole is much shorter, broader, and more rounded (less angular); occipital and sagittal crests absent or much less developed; zygomata bowed strongly outward [instead of subtriangular], the outer side convex outward [not flat]; braincase short, broad between posterior roots of zygomata, and tapering posteriorly so that the breadth between squamosals anteriorly is much greater than breadth of occiput [instead of subequal]; outer wall of antorbital vacuity (seen from the side) nearly straight and vertical [instead of strongly concave].

*Remarks*.—An immature female collected at Stepovak Bay, Alaska Peninsula, July 9, 1899, by Charles Palache is the yellowest porcupine I ever saw. It measured 630 mm in total length.

LEPUS OTHUS sp. nov. Tundra Polar Hare.

*Type* from St. Michaels, Alaska. Skull no. 15883 U. S. National Museum. L. M. Turner.

*Characters*.—Size very large (hind foot 174); winter pelage white all over except extreme tips of ears, which are black.

*Cranial characters*.—The skull of *Lepus othus* is so large, broad, and massive that it does not require comparison with the *glacialis* series from eastern Arctic America, but only with *tschuktshorum* from the region about Plover Bay, Siberia. From *tschuktshorum* it differs in the following particulars: frontals slightly broader interorbitally; nasals narrower and less flattened; supraoccipital shield narrower, *much longer than broad* [in *tschuktshorum* decidedly broader than long]; jugal *decidedly narrower* (less expanded vertically), longer posteriorly (protruding farther behind squamosal root of zygoma), and with muscular impression on outer face decidedly narrower anteriorly; basioccipital narrower; incisive vacuity smaller.

*Cranial measurements*.—Type specimen: basal length 86.5; zygomatic breadth anteriorly 49; at widest point 52; postpalatal length 46.5; greatest breadth across postorbital processes 39; greatest breadth of nasals posteriorly 22; anteriorly 20.