

Jany. 3, 1899. R. James and Jos. Smith heard one frog in swamp today. Very mild. I looked a great many places, under rotten logs, etc. for salamanders but found no traces of them.

Jany. 8. Picked off a thorn tree remains of a vole, probably left there by northern shrike.

Jany. 24. Hoar frost. Very warm today. Saw one light colored shore lark on the road (First).

Jany. 31. H. Karm, near Embre, in chopping a hollow tree came across eleven coons (*Procyon lotor*) in the interior; eight were killed, three escaping.

March 8. Saw J. W. digging two skunks out of a burrow in sandy soil, in open woods near river. They were in a nest of dry leaves about 2 1-2 feet from surface, male and female—the latter smaller and fatter than the other. Examined the stomachs; that of the male contained two or three withered leaves, and mixed with them, hairs of (probably) voles. There were also a large number of worms, parasites, numerous very small ones, and half dozen or so larger ones, one inch long. The female's stomach contained nothing but numerous small worms in mucous. W. told me that the greatest number of skunks he ever found in a burrow was eleven; but said that a man he knew once ran a fox into a hole and on setting a trap at the mouth he caught fifteen full grown skunks in as many consecutive nights and on the sixteenth he caught the fox. W. also stated that at one time during winter he dug a skunk out of a nest and found a woodchuck close beside it in a nest of its own. The latter was curled up and in a state of torpor, it awoke on the snow.

March 18. Saw a redtailed hawk and tiger beetle. Is the water bear (*Tardigrada*) really a depauperate arachnidian? Saw caddis fly larva for first time in same pool with *Branchippus stagnalis*. Pickering's tree toad croaking in pools for first.

March 19. Many Pickering's tree toads out. Saw two small garter snakes on dry knoll at edge of pool. Saw the first Camberwell beauty at edge of woods.

March 21. Saw a white-footed mouse in hole (natural scar) of small green beech. Nest of thistledown. A large mass of shelled beechnuts were lying at foot of tree. The margin of