

- 50 51 Bill gibbous at base, nostril nearly at its middle ; birds black or dusky.

Oidemia Deglandi Bonap. White-winged Scoter.

- 51 34 Bill straight, tip hooked. Rectrices stiff.

- 52 53 Of small size, less than 20 inches, from 17 to 20.

Lophodytes cucullatus (Linn.) Reich. Hooded Merganser.

- 53 52 Larger, from 20 to 27 inches.

- 54 55 Wing with one black bar. 26-26¾ inches.

Merganser Americanus (Cass.) Steph. American Merganser. Goosander.

- 55 54 Wing with two black bars. 23-23½ inches.

Merganser Serrator (Linn.) Schaff. Red-breasted Merganser.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NOTES.

THE GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*) IN ONTARIO.

Through the kind exertions of Mr. Edwin Beaupré, of Kingston, two specimens of this fine species have recently been acquired for the Museum of the Geological Survey. One of these, which is said to be a female, was shot November 11th, 1901, flying over Mud Lake, Odessa, Lennox Co., by Mr. Smith. Odessa, it may be added, is ten miles from Kingston. The other, which is said to be a male, was shot November 15th, 1901, at Westbrooke, Frontenac Co., by Mr. Redden. Westbrooke is seven miles from Kingston and three from Odessa.

In the Museum of the Survey there were previously two specimens of the Golden Eagle, both of which are from Ontario. One, which is said to be a female, was shot near Woodbridge, York Co., in November, 1897, and the other, which is said to be a male, was shot near Brampton, some twenty-five years ago.

It has long been known that in this species the sexes are so similar, in colour, size, &c., that it is scarcely possible to distinguish them without dissection.

Although circumpolar in its range the Golden Eagle is nowhere very common, and it seems desirable to place upon record these four instances of its occurrence in the Province of Ontario.

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