

The shells of this species found at Duck Island are far more beautiful than any shells of the kind found elsewhere. But to *U. occidens* the prize of Paris must be given. Never probably in any place were so many beautiful fresh water shells obtained in the same brief time as were found on that September afternoon. There were thousands of *U. occidens* to select from, and many of those left to increase and multiply were abandoned with something of the regret one would feel who was compelled to leave fine pearls behind because one could not carry more away. Red *occidens*—*huitres rouges*—of our boatman, were very numerous, and from this deep and prized tint the changeable species ran the chromatic scale through every shade of orange, yellow and lemon, diversified always with deep green rays, now broad, now narrow, sometimes sparsely, oftener closely set.

The results for the day were upwards of six hundred selected shells of the following species:—

- Unio complanatus*, Sol.
- U. borealis*, A. F. Gray.
- U. occidens*, Lea.
- U. ellipsis*, Lea.
- U. alatus*, Say.
- U. gracilis*, Barnes.
- U. rectus*, Lamarck.
- U. gibbosus*, Barnes.
- Margaritana undulata*, Say.
- Anodonta undulata*, Say.
- A. Benedictii*, Lea.

No attempt was made to secure *A. fluviatilis* from the pond on the island, nor were any of our smaller shells collected.

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THE FULVOUS TREE-DUCK.

In September, 1905, Mr. J. S. Rollins saw eleven fulvous tree-ducks, (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) on the flats near New Alberni, Vancouver Island and shot five of them. One specimen is in the provincial museum at Victoria. This is the first record for this bird in Canada.

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