

Vol. XXXVII, page 102), I determined to follow his example during the autumn of 1905. After many weary visits to baited trees, and finding nothing more desirable than *Orthosia ferruginoides*, *Agrotis ypsilon*, *Peridroma saucia*, *Xylina antennata*, and *Plathypena scabra*, I abandoned the undertaking early in October, with the conclusion that there were no *Scopelosomas* in this locality, and certainly no such variety of moths as Mr. Engel met with. This proved to be a mistake as far as *Scopelosomas* were concerned, for during the following maple-sugar season I took over one hundred specimens that were feeding upon sap which oozed from wounds in the maple-trees caused by the common Sapsucker—the yellow-bellied Woodpecker (*Sphyrapicus varius*). In the sugar woods where the trees were tapped for syrup, many had become drowned in the sap-pails. I found that submerged specimens were spoiled, but those floating and not saturated were fit for mounting.

Subsequently I read Mr. Engel's article again, and noticed that he did not mention any captures of *Scopelosoma* before October 21st. I had received the impression when first reading it that he had taken specimens of this genus much earlier, and others, perhaps, have made the same mistake. Accordingly, last autumn (1906) I baited a number of trees, and continued to visit them early in the evenings without meeting any particularly desirable specimens until October 26th, when one *Scopelosoma* was captured. On the next evening, which was rainy, I took seventeen specimens, on Nov. 3rd twenty-two, Nov. 10th fifteen, Nov. 17th seventy-one, Nov. 26th thirty-two, and there were other dates when I took from four to six examples. These moths do not come to feed at the bait to any extent upon evenings which follow warm, sunny days; they prefer to feed just before, or during, a shower of rain and when there is a thaw after frost. On Nov. 3rd there was enough snow in the woods to give the ground a speckled appearance, and yet I took over a score of these moths. Favourable weather seemed to occur every seventh day till Nov. 17th. The following are the species taken: *Scopelosoma Morrisoni*, *Grafiana*, *Walkerii*, *sidus*, and some others yet to be determined. After rejecting imperfect specimens, I pinned no less than one hundred and fifty-two examples of this genus.

I may add that during September of this year—from the 12th to the 23rd—I have taken 104 specimens of *Catocala*, forty being *concombens*, 22 *unijuga*, 8 *habilis*, 6 each of *cara* and *innubens*, and lesser numbers of *parta*, *briseis*, *amatrix*, *bianca*, *neogama* and *piatrix*.