

SOUTHERN NOCTUIDS AT RYE, N. Y.

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Remarks in a recent issue of this magazine concerning "A Southerner arrested in Canada" recall some of the additions made to my local list during the summer of 1898. In this instance also some stragglers from a lower latitude were welcomed among my catch. Not only a few Noctuids but some of the birds also bore a Southern aspect (I cannot be expected to pass the birds unnoticed), most unusual among the latter being the appearance of several blue herons that frequented the salt marshes here for the better part of the summer. These waders are more at home in the swamps of Florida, although this is not the limit of their northern migrations by any means, yet they are considered great rarities here by the local sportsmen.

Whether the climatic conditions were such as to induce the visitations, or whether the great quantity of gunpowder that was burned down South caused them to be in evidence, I will not attempt to explain.

In the case of the heron the gunpowder suggestion might have a little weight, but the freshness of my Noctuids points rather to a permanent residence on their part.

Worthy of especial mention among these is *Eucalyptera bipuncta*, Morr.

In the only previous reference to this species in former volumes (Vol. XV., 230) the insect is discussed concerning its position generically and is compared with *Scolecocampa liburna* and *Doryodes acutaria*. As one unfamiliar with the species could get but a poor conception from these associations, and as the literature is in no way burdened with references to this insect, I will mention a few points descriptive of its general appearance.

In my specimen, a male, the form is very slight, palpi prominent projecting forward and upward, the antennæ show extremely fine pectinations under a pocket magnifier. The colour is light smoky gray, the secondaries a trifle the darker. The transverse posterior line is the only conspicuous marking of the primaries, is strongly indicated, smoky brown, and curves well outwardly near the costa, but does not in my specimen reach the costal vein.

Two small, black dots, suggestive of the name, are noticeable, one—the larger—indicating the orbicular, and the other, very minute, equi-