

“On two or three occasions, many years ago, I heard in the thick forest near the Village of Richmond, and afterwards in the Township of Huntley, some strangely startling and frightful screams, which I attributed to the cougar. Be this as it may, I have heard no screams of the same kind for the last thirty years.”

ZAPUS HUDSONIUS COVES.

This pretty little rodent has a geographical range from the Southern States to Hudson's Bay and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and also a range of about fifty synonyms.

During the time of the early settlements in the County of York this little “jumping mouse” was very common, and at haying times the boys had many excited hunts after them, but very few were caught.

No doubt it is generally distributed over Ontario. I have in my collection four specimens from the neighborhood of Toronto, one of which was caught in a mouse trap, one dug up in the winter time, while hybernating, one taken from the craw of a Rough-legged Buzzard, and one which I caught in my insect net.

I have one specimen from Magnetawan, Muskoka; two from Galt, one from Leamington, and one from near Bobcaygeon. This shows a wide provincial range. We will be greatly obliged for any authentic, original information as to the occurrence and habits of this animal in our Province.

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