

Great Gray Owl (*Scotiaptex nebulosa*).—The general rarity of this species and the irregular intervals of its visits, should warrant a record of all specimens that come to our notice. The following have been captured during the present winter:—

The S. L. Crosby Co., taxidermists, Bangor, Me., have received eight specimens up to Feb. 1, 1907, these being the first sent to them for the past three years.

Mr. Walter D. Hinds, taxidermist, Portland, Me., had received the following up to Feb. 8, 1907. Two from Bailey's Island, Portland Harbor; two from Cape Elizabeth, Me.; and one from Damariscotta, Me. The first specimen was received Nov. 8, 1906.

Mr. W. P. Conger, taxidermist, Burlington, Vt., has received six specimens, with the following data—

- 1 ♂, Malone, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1907.
- 1 ♀, Shelburne, Vt., Jan. 2, 1907.
- 1 ♂, Champlain, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1907.
- 1 ♀, South Burlington, Vt., Feb. 2, 1907.
- 1 ♀, Colchester, Vt., Feb. 7, 1907.
- 1 ♂, Colchester, Vt., Feb. 11, 1907.

Mr. C. E. Dionne, of Laval University, Quebec, under date of March 6, 1907, informs me that he has examined six specimens the past winter.

Rev. C. W. G. Eifrig, Ottawa, Ont., in writing on winter birds (*The Ottawa Naturalist*, Vol. XX, Feb. 15, 1907) states: "Of the Great Gray Owl, I have seen and heard of four so far this winter, all of which have found their way into the hands of Henry the taxidermist."

Mr. Henry W. Howling, taxidermist, Minneapolis, Minn., had received eleven specimens prior to Feb. 7, 1907.

Mr. J. D. Allen, taxidermist, Mandan, N. Dak., under date of March 11, 1907, writes: "I have never had any Great Gray Owls in the flesh until this winter. Two fine specimens have been received, one from Moorhead and two from Detroit, Minn."—RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

Great Gray Owl (*Scotiaptex nebulosa*) in Rhode Island.—Through the kindness of Messrs. Angell and Cash, taxidermists, Providence, R. I., I am enabled to quote the capture of a third specimen for the State. This bird was shot within a mile of the city limits of Providence, on Nov. 19, 1906, and proved to be a male. The two previous records are given in 'Birds of Rhode Island,' Howe and Sturtevant, 1899, p. 62, one specimen taken in 1870 and the other March 25, 1883.—RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

Aggressive Screech Owls.—Mrs. John W. Ames of Cambridge has kindly given me permission to publish the following account of an interesting experience which she had with some Screech Owls at Concord, Massachusetts, in June, 1906. I give it in her own words as follows:—

"I came to Concord to the Manse on June 14. A day or two after my arrival I walked down the avenue after supper and as I stood near the