



Figure 1. Abnormal toes of Common Snipe.

Extra toes on the halluces of a Common Snipe.—While banding Common Snipe (*Capella gallinago*) south of Gainesville, Florida, 31 October 1967, I caught in a mist net a specimen with an extra digit on the hallux (toe IV) of each foot. Both digits on each hallux possessed normal claws. The two normal halluces were 10 mm long; the right and left extra digits were 4 mm and 3.5 mm respectively. The claws were included in the measurements. The male bird weighed 98.0 g after being frozen 41 days.

Figure 1 was drawn by Neal Eichholz from the frozen specimen, which was photographed before being deposited in the collection of the Department of Paleontology, University of Florida, Gainesville.—MICHAEL J. FOGARTY, *Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, 412 N. E. 16th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601.*

Pathological changes associated with birdshot embedded in sandpiper muscle tissue.—While dissecting the thigh musculature of a Red-backed Sandpiper, *Erolia alpina*, collected at Cameron, Louisiana, 15 April 1965, I noticed a small shot embedded in one of the extensors of the thigh (*M. femorotibialis externus*). As the adjoining tissue showed no evidence of hemorrhage or recent injury and the shot was enclosed in a rather discrete capsule, the bird must have been wounded quite some time previously. The presence of freshly embedded shot in nearby muscles provided an opportunity to compare the histological changes that occur in new and presumably healed wounds in birds in the wild.