
NEWS AND NOTES.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Ohio State Academy of Science will be held at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, Nov. 27th and 28th.

The Ohio State Academy of Science has this year published three important "Special Papers." The first is Special Paper No. 5, Tabanidae of Ohio, by James S. Hine. This is a pamphlet of 63 pages and, in addition to a general discussion of the life history and anatomy of these insects, it contains a catalogue of Tabanidae from America North of Mexico and a systematic treatise of Ohio species with keys for their identification.

Special Paper No. 6 is entitled "The Birds of Ohio," A Revised Catalogue, by Lynds Jones. It contains 241 pages and gives a general view of Ohio in relation to its bird life and a list of the

Ohio birds with notes on each species. This paper is an important contribution to our knowledge of the local avifauna and will certainly do much to advance the study of ornithology in Ohio.

Special Paper No. 7, by Thomas A. Bonser, is entitled "Ecological Study of Big Spring Prairie," Wyandot County, Ohio. It contains 96 pages with maps and numerous illustrations and is a very complete presentation of the ecology of the area under consideration.

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A specimen of the Paddle-fish, *Polydon spathula* (Wal.), was seen by the undersigned in the Post Company's Fish House, Sandusky, Ohio, in August of the present year. According to Osburn (*Fishes of Ohio*, Special Paper 4, O. Ac. Sc., p. 18), records of its occurrence in the Great Lakes are not abundant. From the fishermen, I learned that the fish is seen at irregular intervals but not commonly.

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