

MAMMALIA OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Rev. J. E. Kelsall is collecting information about the Mammalia of Hampshire, and would be much obliged for help with regard to the Whales and Dolphins. Perhaps readers could refer him to some of the Guide-books or Local Histories which mention the occurrence of these animals.

He has collected the following records:—

COMMON RORQUAL OR FIN-WHALE. Blackgang, 1842; Milford, 1881; Boscombe, 1897.
 RUDOLPHI'S RORQUAL? Sea View, 1888.
 BOTTLE-NOSED WHALE. Southampton Water, 1798.
 GRAMPUS. (*Orca Gladiator*.) Shore's Guide to Southampton.
 RISSO'S GRAMPUS. Puckaster, 1845.
 PORPOISE.
 PILOT-WHALE. Ventnor, 1853.
 DOLPHIN, Occasional?

He would also be glad of information concerning the occurrence of the following animals in Hampshire:—

LESSER SHREW..
 PINE MARTEN.
 POLECAT.
 BLACK RAT.

ROE-DEER.
 The rarer BATS, especially the
 BARBASTELLE.

The following Table exhibits the Mammalia of Hampshire compared with those of Great Britain.

	Bats.	Insectivora.	Carnivora	Seals.	Rodentia.	Deer and Wild Ox.	Cetacea.	Total.
Hampshire	11	5	6	3	12	3	8	48
Great Britain	14	5	8	6	13	4	20	70

In this calculation the Polecat is reckoned upon somewhat slender evidence as still occurring in Hampshire, but not the Pine Marten, which became extinct about fifty years ago.

A list of species will be sent to any who are interested in the matter. Apply—

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