

Striped Hawk Moth at Londonderry.

On 5th June Mr. Eric Donnell brought me a fine specimen of *Deilephila livornica*, which he had found in his garden at Victoria Park, Londonderry. This is the first record of the moth for this district.

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Londonderry.

Centriscus scolopax in Irish Waters.

On 24th May I heard that a curious fish had been taken from the stomach of a Hake, and I at once went to see it. The Hake had been taken the day before off Ardglass, Co. Down, was landed there, and sent to Belfast in the usual way. The fish was the Trumpet Fish (*Centriscus scolopax*), and it could not have been long in the Hake, as it was quite fresh and almost uninjured. The edges of the fins were a little frayed, and the tip of the long snout was broken, but otherwise the fish was in perfect condition, digestion not having begun. I took down the following particulars as soon as I got the fish home:—Length over all, 6 inches; breadth at centre, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches; greatest thickness, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch; from centre of eye to end of snout, 2 inches; length of dorsal spine, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches; weight, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. full. Pale pink, with a few darker streaks of pink, shading into silver at belly. Skin very rough to the touch. I could find no Irish record of this Mediterranean fish in all the books at my disposal, and on communicating with Dr. Scharff he states that no Irish record is known to him. Although it is impossible to say where the Hake swallowed it, I think from its perfectly fresh appearance, that not more than an hour or two can have elapsed till the Hake was caught and killed, and therefore it can be fairly added to the Irish list. Its passage was "assisted," but there are birds on the British list with a more shadowy claim.

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Holywood, Co. Down.

Lacerta vivipara at Baltray.

On Thursday, May 31, when I was playing golf on the links of the Co. Louth club, at the mouth of the Boyne, one of the caddies produced a live lizard, just caught. He had tethered it by a string tied to its tail, which was still attached to the poor little reptile's body. It was about six inches long, and an ordinary specimen of its kind. I bought it for a shilling, and let it go into a rabbit hole. I have known for many years that lizards exist in the sandhills along the Louth coast, but they must be very rare, as this is the first one I have seen, and none of the caddies had ever seen one till this year, when they suddenly appeared in a small colony. One of them was brought to the Hon. H. Pery, at Termonfeckin, a few weeks ago, and the caddies reported that there were crocodiles a yard long on the links, of which it was supposed to be the young.

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