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PREFATORY NOTE

The revision of the American bats of the Genus *Myotis* was originally begun by the senior author alone. A preliminary review was made by him on the basis of the available material in the United States National Museum (including the collections of the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture), the Field Museum of Natural History, and the British Museum (Natural History). On account of the pressure of other duties, however, he was unable to bring the study to completion. The notes and material were then placed in the hands of the junior author who took up the revision *ab initio* and prepared a complete draft of the general account of the species. Later, by conference and correspondence, the more difficult aspects of the subject were jointly considered and all divergencies of opinion were thus reduced to a basis of mutual accord. The monograph in its present form sets forth the final results of all this work.

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