

living species; and if found, and not a device of the systematist, they may be recognized as a legitimate part of science, notwithstanding the above protest. Reasons for the frequent recurrence of *three*, as the number for the higher subdivisions in zoological classification, have been given in my former papers, and need not be here repeated. Protests like the above, while always exhibiting a large excess of self-confidence, might sound less presumptuous were there not *many facts in nature yet to be learned.*