

Northrepps, Norwich

31 July 1874

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging  
 your welcome and interesting letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst  
 but regret exceedingly to inform you that neither  
 your letter of the 23 August 1873 nor the  
 Catalogue of the Birds in the Boston Museum  
 & accompanying pamphlets which you kindly  
 sent me reached me, excepting those on the  
 Vegetation of the Wabash Valley & on the  
 Prairie birds of Illinois, for which, as well  
 as for those which unfortunately miscarried,  
 I beg you will accept my best thanks -

It is possible that this unfortunate  
 miscarriage may be due to change of residence  
 on my part & therefore beg the favor of  
 your noting my present address as above

which I hope will be permanent

Your notes interest me much,  
but I differ from you as to *Falco Capini*  
of Sharpe which I think is distinct  
if the name being accepted as limited  
to that form of falcon which is peculiar  
to the extreme South of South America  
with Chili as its northernmost boundary  
& which resembles *F. melanogeryx* of  
Australia —

*F. Capini*, *F. melanogeryx* & *F. minor*  
of South America agree with each other in  
their adult sex in having the transverse  
white abdominal bars narrower than is  
the case in the northern peregrines, the  
consequence of which the black bars are  
closer together than in the northern case

They are also very frequently (especially *Capini*  
& *melanogena*) suffused with a general  
smoky tint on the abdomen, flanks, & thighs  
which I have not observed in the true  
Peregrine -

The latter appears to me to range  
over the whole American continent from  
latitude 72 N. which is the <sup>lat. of the</sup> most northern  
American locality (Port Kennedy) from which  
I have seen it, to Chili where it meets  
the Southern *P. Capini*

I have observed that young Peregrines  
from Canada are more tawny about the  
head & neck than the generalities of  
specimens from other localities, but excepting  
this, I have been unable to perceive any  
constant difference between American

of European specimens - European Peregrines  
Vary much - Some young birds are a very dark  
brown & these when they grow up are of a  
dark slate color on the back, whilst others  
which are very light brown (comparatively)  
when young, become a very pale slate color  
on the back when adult - This fact was  
made known to me by the late Mr Newcome  
a very experienced amateur falconer and  
I have subsequently found it to hold good  
in birds I have kept in confinement

Peregrines in the island of Sardinia  
& in Algeria are decidedly a small race,  
for which Mr Sharpe proposed the name of  
*F. Brookei*, but he now thinks they are  
not specifically separable -

The largest Peregrines I have seen (on  
the average) are from Greenland & from Egypt

*Falco polyagrus* is closely allied to *F. Saker*, but  
still more nearly to *F. jaffer* - specimens of  
*F. Saker* in the ordinary drop (but usually  
mis-named *F. lanarius* on the labels) may  
be readily procured from the Moravian  
missionaries at Saapta on the Volga from  
Herr. Moschler is a great  
in such matters - The phase of *F. Saker*  
which exhibits a nearly white breast with  
dark transverse bars on the upper parts  
of the plumage & which was figured by Home  
in Lays's Garland under the name of  
*F. Hendersoni* is very much rarer & it often  
happens that specimens kept in confinement  
for several years never acquire that state of  
plumage The true *F. lanarius* is a common

falcon in Egypt & may readily be obtained  
by any good collector in that country -

I do not recollect to have ever seen  
either *Regurhinus* Wilsoni or *R. boliviensis*  
& should be glad to purchase both if I  
had the opportunity -

I have examined a very considerable  
number of *R. uncinatus* from various  
localities, but never saw one in which  
the upper mandible approached in size  
the specimen of *R. megarhynchus* in the  
Brit. Museum - In Mr Sharpe's recently  
published catalogue of the Raptors in the  
Brit Mus: he defines the difference in size between

the bills of the two species thus -

*R. megarhynchus* " Culmen. 2.5"  
" *uncinatus* " Culmen 1.5"

A specimen of *R. megarhynchus*  
from Peru in the Hornet Museum has  
the upper mandible not quite so large as  
that in the Br: Mus: but still decidedly  
larger than *R. uncinatus* - there are the  
only two examples I have seen of *R. megarhynchus*  
& both appear of the plumage of the adult.

I think Mr. Sharpe's suggestion that  
*L. apicatus* may = the white breasted  
phase of *Aquila Wahlbergi* is ~~untenable~~ perhaps a  
probable one (vide Cat: p 259)

Your account of the additional Example

of *Oryzopsis gruberi* is very interesting, &  
also is that of the specimen of *Butor cooperi*

I intend sending to the "His" a few notes  
on Mr Sharpe's new Catalogue & unless I hear  
from you to the contrary I propose to quote  
some of the facts mentioned in your letter

I have not yet seen your joint work  
with Prof Baird, but as the Job. Long &  
London have ordered it, I hope to see their  
copy when they receive it - but it has  
not yet reached them, as their Librarian  
informs me -

I notify to the Comt  
of the Norwich Museum that their skins  
will shortly be returned & hoping to have

again the pleasure of hearing from you when you  
have opportunity  
I am ever yours faithfully  
J. A. S. S. S.



Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Jan. 4. 1878.

Dear Mr. Ridgway -

I am greatly  
pleas'd for the names of the  
birds collected by Mr. Newcomb -  
For a thro' of his identifications  
were wrong, as I judged they  
must be. He did not dare  
publish his notes in Bull. till  
I heard from you -

I suppose by this time  
you have received Jan. 20.  
We hope to keep it at 64 pp.  
each no. throughout the year. &  
hope that you will favor us  
with frequent-communications -  
With our increase of space we

early disposal of articles 10-12 pp. long,  
no longer ones by publishing  
them as "continued" papers.

As ever  
Yours

J. A. Allen.

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Cambridge, Mass., Dec 10. 1878.

Dear Mr. Ridgway -

I have some notes in hand from Mr. R. L. Newcomb respecting Sea Birds observed or obtained by him on the Grand Banks the past season - Before publishing them <sup>in the Bulletin</sup> I should like to be sure that his identifications are correct, as I suppose you have examined the specimens he obtained, I shall feel greatly obliged if you will inform me ~~what~~ as to what his two species of Petrel were which he calls "Th. Leachii" + "Th. pelagica", especially whether the last-named was among his trophies. The other species I should like to know about - are Stercorarius cepphus and Puffinus auriporus.

An early reply will oblige

Your very sincere

J. N. Allen -

NORTHPREPPS HALL,  
POST TOWN, NORWICH,  
RAILWAY & TELEGRAPH  
STATION, CROMER.

31 May 1878

My dear Sir

Pray accept my best  
thanks for a copy of your  
valuable & interesting work  
on the Ornithology of the  
"Great Basin" which reached  
me yesterday

I believe me

Yours faithfully

W. Brewster

Cowbridge No. 30, 1877

Dear Mr. Ridgway, I packed on the 28th such specimens as we had that you would I think the box left by exp. that evening. I sent thirty-three specimens, including the Kansas specimens, Linders ~~Cockoo~~, 10 Falco sidgwayi, etc. etc.

Hope they will reach you safely & that they will be of some use to you in your work. Was sorry to find we had so few of your desiderata. I should have sent them a week sooner, but was kept at home for nearly two days by severe cold.

Have you not something to send us for Bull. N. C. C.? With our increased space we shall hope for

frequent contributions from you  
from - Articles of some length ~~would~~  
now be acceptable, but would  
prefer none should exceed 10 to  
12 pp.

Very truly yours  
J. Audubon.

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Sent to me for exam = return RR

The specimens sent are as follows -

- Nos. 24355, 24336, 24339, 24340  
24342-47 *Falcinellus ridgwayi* = 10 spec.  
No. 22886. *Coccyzus Laidlawi*.  
Nos. 14890, 15201, 15238 *Carduelis virginiana*.  
Nos. 15321, 15322<sup>(15323)</sup>, 15338 *Petera boltoniae*  
No. 15391 *Peucaea aestivalis*  
No. 7927 *Ardea*.  
No. 18038 *Buteo* Tobago Island  
" 18419 " Shanty of Magellan  
" 7471 " Brazil  
" 7461 " "  
" 11619 *Myiarchus* Africa  
" 24829 " India  
" 24278 " Lake Titicaca  
" 24280 " "  
" 24277 " "  
" 24276 " "  
" 11183 " Manilla  
" 23068 *Tyrannus* Brazil  
" 14826 " Isth. Panama

Harrogate 24 Oct  
1877

Dear Mr Sharpe

Thank you for forwarding  
Salvadori's letter which has  
reached me here -

I hope to be in London  
during the week beginning  
4 November & to call on  
you at the Museum -

I want very much to  
see this year's series of  
Spilornis, Helotarsus,



& *Circaetus* *theodoricus*

Should you have  
occasion write to me in  
the mean while, please  
direct to Northcotes par  
whence my letters are  
forwarded daily.

Yours faithfully

J. A. Green

I also want to compare  
your specimens of  
*Marchia rumpleri* *alceus*  
& *M. andersoni*

hope

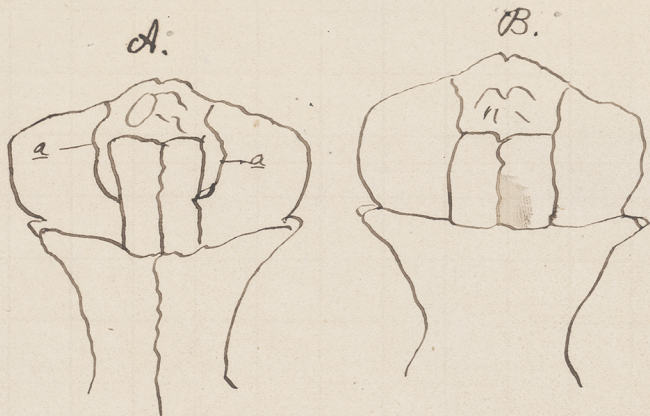
Cambridge, Oct. 20, 1877

Dear Mr. Ridgway, -

May I trouble  
you to do me a great favor, & one  
which I trust will give you  
little trouble to do. - I am at  
work on a monograph on the  
Molures & find my notes on  
the Smithsonian specimens sadly  
defective on one important point,  
namely, the posterior extension of the  
intercapillaries in these specimens.

I subjoin some small sketches  
explanatory of the point in question.

The specimens to be looked up  
are nos. 7570, 7156 and 14386.  
Unless they have been moved since I  
was there they are perfectly easy to come  
at. The sketches are from above,  
showing merely the front-portion of the



skull. In A. you will notice (at a) that the intermaxillaries are visible above forming a backward prolongation between the nasals and maxillary, the intermaxillaries reaching back half or two-thirds the length of the nasals, while in B. there is no such extension. No. 14396 should agree with A. and Nos. 95-70 and 7156 should agree with B. What I wish to know is whether or not this is the case, & if not - what the disagreement is from the assumed condition. If you will take ten minutes to look this up when you are next at the S. I. write me the result - you will do me a very great kindness, I write to you about it because I

perhaps you to be almost daily on the spot -  
because you will at once understand the point to be  
ascertained.

As ever

Yours  
very yours

J. A. Allen

NORTHREPPS HALL,  
POST TOWN, NORWICH,  
RAILWAY & TELEGRAPH  
STATION, CROMER.

7 Aug 1877

Dear W. Sharpe

Thank you very much  
for mentioning the skin  
of *A. griseogularis* - I shall  
be very glad to give £1. for  
it - please leave it  
securely packed & send down  
to me at the Cromer Railway  
Station & send a p. card when  
it is dispatched Yours faithfully  
W. Sharpe

NORTHREPPS HALL,  
POST TOWN, NORWICH,  
RAILWAY & TELEGRAPH  
STATION, CROMER.

17 June  
1878

Dear Mr. Sharpe

One line of many  
to order for the out which  
has just reached me quite

safely

Yours faithfully

W. Sharpe

No 20 Hannover Terrace  
Regent's Park N.W  
3 May 1877

Dear W Sharpe

Would you kindly give me  
an early appointment for  
next week - as I want to  
see you very much about  
Raptors & also birds from  
the Transvaal - If the  
Museum is closed, can I  
get in by asking for you at  
the door?

Yours faithfully

J. Murray

I could call either at 11.30 AM



or at 2 pm or later as

you may prefer

NORTHPREPPS,

NORWICH.

3 Feb 1877

Dear Mr Sharpe

I leave out the specimen  
of the fly catcher respecting  
which you enquire now by  
me, but I recollect that I  
considered at the time that  
it was identical with the  
"Tchikee" figured by Le Vaillant

pl 142. —

I have lately discovered  
that a Damara Eagle in  
the Norwich Museum which  
I had previously supposed to be

~~undoubtedly a~~

a very dark ♂ as regards

is a normal adult ♂

of a nipalensis —

I intend mentioning this  
in my next paper in the list

Yours faithfully

W. C. Cresswell

Museum Norwich  
3 Nov 1876

My dear W Sharpe  
A Mr Everett was  
here two days ago who  
said that you had  
lately examined a  
specimen of *Syrinx*  
*leptogrammicum* which  
he had brought from  
Borneo - have you  
brought this specimen &

if not, could you buy  
it for me? - I should  
much like to get it  
as it is one of  
our desiderata, so  
pray help me out  
if you can

Yours faithfully

W. Murray

Return Shortcuts  
this evening -

## Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Sept. 6, 1876.

Dear Mr. Ridgway -

I send by this mail four skins of Peuceea for your examination. If you will please give me your identifications you will do me a favor. Three of them are from the Cassin coll. & are probably from Texas, but of only one is the locality definitely known, as the other two came to me without labels. The fourth skin is an unusually light-colored specimen from Florida. Does it approach your P. illinoensis?

Have you seen any Alabama examples of Peuceea? Brown, of Portland took quite a series, some of which Mr. Deane now has, & I believe Purdie also has some. Would they not have interest in this con-

lection?

Museum of Comparative Zoology  
VERMONT, MASS.

Very truly yours  
J. A. Allen.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*



## Museum of Comparative Zoology,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Apr. 3, 1876,

Dear Ridgway,

In a box of mammal skins which I forwarded last week I put two specimens of the new species of peruvianus Thom., which you can have for the U. S. I have described it as a new species, but with some hesitancy, fearing there may be some prior name applicable to it. My paper goes to press tomorrow and will soon be in type. I wish you would examine the specimens against me if your first impressions about them prove correct.

Very truly yours

J. Allen

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Museum of Comparative Zoology

The skins are in the long  
narrow box. I sent four boxes supposed  
to be there before this time to unpack  
them, but it looks doubtful now  
whether I get on to Washington this  
spring. The other three boxes are all  
nearly square, so you will have  
no trouble in distinguishing the  
right one.

No 20 Hanover Terrace N.W.  
28 March 1876

Dear Mr. Sharpe

The pamphlets which you kindly  
sent me contain so much that is  
interesting & that I should like to copy, that  
I must ask you to allow me to keep them  
rather longer than I originally intended, but  
I hope to return them to you safely in the course  
of a few days.

Since writing to you about the Polybori  
at the Gardens, it has occurred to me that the  
brownish shaft marks on the breast & may  
indicate immaturity & that though I could  
see none such in the adult specimens in  
the next case, perhaps there would be such  
in younger birds, I would therefore recommend

You & look at your immature skins  
of P. thurax & if you find that these  
have similar slight marks, I think  
it would be wise not to describe the new  
corners till after they have moulted,  
as if they then lose these marks, it would  
be a point in favor of their being only  
accidental variations of the ordinary race,  
- such a delay would also show whether  
time varies the present peculiarity of the  
Occipital crest -

In any case, I think it very desirable  
that a coloured drawing should be made of  
them as they now are & I think you might

permanently to have this done on  
behalf of the society

James Smith

Warner

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MARLDON,  
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NORTHPREPS,

NORWICH.

27 Dec 1875

My dear Mr Sharpe

Write me line to  
congratulate <sup>you</sup> very sincerely  
on the issue of your volume  
on the Oaks - it must  
have cost you a vast deal  
of labor, but as far as I  
can judge from a cursory  
inspection, the result is  
highly satisfactory on the  
whole - though there will

It would be a chance  
for picking a few holes  
here & there

Anyway, what I  
have read in it interests  
me greatly & will make  
me anxious to improve  
our series at Norwich  
whenever I have the chance  
to do so — Any help  
you can give me in this



I shall be the thankful person

With best wishes  
of the team

I am your faithful friend  
W. W. W. W.

**NORTHPREPPS,  
NORWICH.**

18 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1875

Dear Mr Sharpe

I am much obliged to you  
and which appears to show the  
specimen satisfactory -

We shall be very glad  
to receive the American Vespertilio  
at the Norwich Museum as  
soon as you can send them  
& also the black staud belonging  
to *Urtica tilioides* -

Yours most faithfully

W. Sharpe

NORTHREPPS,  
NORWICH.

15 Dec 1875

Dear Wetherby

I am much puzzled to know the  
reason of your preferring the name of  
*Buteo latipinnus* to *B. pennsylvanicus*,

If you would kindly send me  
one line on this point I should be greatly  
obliged to you & it may probably clear up  
the matter which at present I am in  
a fog about

Yours faithfully  
Wetherby

NORTHREPPS,  
NORWICH.

13 Sept  
1875

Dear W Sharpe

*Pithe gurneyi*

♂ + ♀ have just arrived  
from W Hume

Please let me know  
when & where to send them  
to you to be figured for  
Hume - I trouble you  
with this line as I suppose

LONDON  
LONDON

the British Museum is  
now closed for cleaning &c

Yours very faithfully

W. Murray

Please return the  
birds to me as soon  
as they are drawn  
as only the papers  
is to be sent out &  
Home in India

MARLDON,  
TOTNES.

Wormstetter  
Wormich

25 Aug 1875

Dear Mr Sharpe

I was particularly glad  
to get your letter this morning, as  
I rather feared you might not be well  
& am very glad that you have  
still troubles you

I have a letter from Mr Home  
dated 27 July in which he says that he  
has sent the ♂ & ♀ Pigeons which he has  
described in the May no: of *Strong's* feathers  
by "Overland parcel post" - but they have  
not yet arrived, as soon as they come I should

W. H. H. H. H.  
1877

I shall hope to send them in by you

When you send the oaks  
& kestrels to Norwich, kindly  
order the black stand belonging  
to the type of a titrator & the  
sent with them -

I am looking out for the  
your name on the oaks which  
I suppose will be out soon

I do not know whether  
you would care for a spare copy  
of my notes but send the enclosed



for the chance & hope to forward the  
rest as they come in

Yours very faithfully

W. W. W.

NORTHREPPS,

NORWICH.

28 Feb 1875

My dear Sir

Please this morning  
received a very interesting  
parcel of ornithological  
pamphlets for which I am  
indebted to your kindness -

I have as yet only had time  
to glance at them cursorily,  
but I will not delay to thank  
you for them & am sure that  
I shall find in them much of

RECEIPTS  
FOR

interest &

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Yours sincerely

W. R. Mearns

R. Ridgway Esq

MARLDON,  
TOTNES.

Peacock Hotel  
Roxley  
Near Bakewell  
Dalystine  
8 May 1875

Dear Mr Sharpe

I am very much obliged for yours  
of the 6<sup>th</sup>, but on the whole am disposed  
to think that as the Joanna hawk is as  
small as any of its own group & in fact  
smaller than any except a trutus, which  
seems to be about the same size, I might as  
well call it "pusillus" which would be  
a simple name & I think appropriate

If you see any objection to this, please  
let me know -

I enclose a letter from Mr Salvin &

MAY 1888  
JONES

Should be particularly glad to know  
what he has decided about the plate

If the *A. tibialis* is not to be  
figured, I should be very glad to have  
it sent back to Norwich (as there  
is a separate box for it) at once  
without waiting till the figure of  
*A. Hampdeni* is complete & the  
two skins of a *Polyzonioides* which  
came with the latter, might go down  
in the box with *A. tibialis*

With regard to the type of *A. castaneus*

I have said that its "mistaken localities  
& a somewhat too cursory examination  
of the Scutellations of the tarsi led to its  
inadvertent admission by W. S. into the  
Genus micrasten" -

If you can write <sup>about the plate</sup> by Monday's  
post, please direct here, if later,  
Duo 11. Abchurch Lane - I  
shall be very glad of the  
description of a. O. ampensis  
as soon as you can let me have it

Yours faithfully  
W. S.

A card will do if more convenient

NORTHPREPPS,  
NORWICH.

16 Feb 1875

Dear Mr Sharpe

Many thanks for  
yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> - the  
day after I telegraphed,  
I heard of the safe arrival  
of the harness & wrote  
you a line to that effect


I hope to be with you  
about 11 o'clock next Monday  
morning, so do not trouble  
about the harness too till

we meet which I am  
looking forward to with  
much pleasure

I am very glad you  
have been in Paris

Yours faithfully

W. Devereux





Northampton Norwich

MARLDON,  
TOTNES.

18 July 1895

Dear W Sharpe

I am much obliged for yours  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> — The figure of the adults  
of *Pirius maillardi* in the *His* 1863 is  
from the type at Paris see p 164. par: 4

In the description by Verreaux  
quoted in the *His* as above, I see no mention  
of the upper tail coverts — if they are  
mentioned in any other description by  
Verreaux, kindly give me a reference to  
it

When do you expect to be able to  
return to Norwich the American kestrel

which you kindly undertook to  
name for us — also the one  
from Nepal which I left with you  
for identification, allied to Athens  
radiata — & have you been able  
to make out the Trans Vol woodpecker?

Also have you made any  
arrangement with Salvin about  
figuring the type of *Aster tetricus*?

Yours very faithfully

W. W. Woodpecker

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NORTHPREPPS,

NORWICH.

9 July 1875

My dear Mr Sharpe

I have just heard  
from Newton relative to  
your joint examination  
of the barriers & shall also  
be glad to hear from you as  
to the same as soon as convenient

In the mean time as  
Newton tells me that the type  
of *Aircus macrocelis* has been  
inadvertently sent up from  
Norwich without a label, I  
enclose one which shall be  
very much obliged to you to have  
fastened on to it at once

When you have done with the  
specimens please let me know  
before you return them to Norwich  
as I want to look at them  
myself before they are replaced  
in their cases -

If you agree with Newton  
that your Madagascar bird  
is ~~not~~ identical with  
*C. maillardi* from Comoro, I  
see no use in figuring it  
as that species is already

prepared in the His bottle  
in its adult & immature

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