Bowdler Sharpe Collection

PARCELS TO
GREAT EASTERN
STATION, CROMER

NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

TELEGRAMS
TO CROMER

1 Sept 1888

Dear Mr Sharpe

Many thanks for
Yours of Yesterday — I am
very glad to hear of you
as I can not get to London
— I am thankful to say
my general health is
very fair, but my local
trouble keeps me from
travelling further than
an occasional trip between

here and Norwich and
I am therefore the more
grateful for any ornithological
news —

Mr Lister was here
yesterday & very kindly
gave me two skins of his
New Christmas Island birds
for the Norwich Museum
— he also told me about
his new out pan that

island which I was glad to
hear that he had given
over 2 years ago —

I lately received from
a missionary in Madagascar
a good adult male of
Astur henstii & 2 ♀
the large Madagascar race
of Bradypterus caperisis —

The Norwich Museum
is likely to be moved to larger
rooms in the Enclosure of
the old castle if sufficient

funds can be raised —

I intend sending a note
to the Ibis about Butes minor
of D'Orbigny — I believe from
Dunstable's description of the type
(Ibis 1866 p 73) that it is a
Melanistic specimen of B. swainsonii
& that the two almost black
buzzards from Guiana which you
have & which Salvin put down
as B. minor belong to some
other species —

Yours very truly
D G Elliot

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NORWICH.

TELEGRAMS
TO CROMER

19 May 1888

Dear Mr Sharpe

I enclose a reply from Mr Reeve of the Norwich Museum to your enquiry — it seems that the type of Abartlandi has the white spots on the tail, but that a specimen at Norwich from the Gaboon is without them, which is curious, as the Brussels male from the Gaboon figured by Dubois Rev. & Mag 1874 pl 4 — shows

them very clearly — this I suppose is
the specimen described in your Cat:
I should like to know
whether your B. bicolor Gaboon B also
has them — Please also
let me know what name
you propose to give to the
race without the spots &
where you intend to describe it

Yours very truly
W. Greenway

The type is a ♀ from
Bijnor — Hartlaub describes
it as being "a tricubus
intermedius supra
albo-trimaculatis"

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NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

TELEGRAMS
TO CROMER

9 Feb 1866

My dear Mr Sharpe

Your letter of the 6th is very kind and "makes my mouth water" — I wonder whether I shall ever be able to get & see your new books! — but meanwhile don't forget & let me know when & where you describe them — this will be a kindness to a disabled old man —

I suppose the Skeleton from

Palawan contained no other
Raptores that you do not
want – I should be glad to
send any from that locality
as I have none from there
at present –

At any time, while I
last out, I shall be grateful
to be put in the way of getting
hold of any good birds of prey
which you do not require

There are some of these

Scarce Madagascar birds since
I have never been able to get &
it seems odd that the Frenchmen
who are quartered there have seen
none over — I want much

Entriorchis astur
astur henseli
Haliaetus vociferoides
Machaerhamphus andersoni (a second specimen)
Nisoides morelli
Heliodilus ~~long~~ soumagnei
Of New Guinea birds what
I most want are
Erythrotriorchis doriae
Microspizias pallidiceps
" albiventris
& any good species from the
surrounding islands

I have never been able to get

hold of Accipiter Macillensis –

Baza magnirostris & B sumatrensis –

& other birds from sundry places

that I am anxious to obtain

are Trinnunculus alopex –

~~At~~ Microhierax melanoleucus

& M. sinensis – Spiziapteryx

circum cinctus & Asio Stygius –

I have put down these as

they occur to me, but shall be

glad to pick up anything else

worth having – so do not

forget that. I shall be grateful

for your help when opportunity

offers –

I trust you are not

over working yourself & am

yours very truly

J H Gurney

Bowdl...

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KESWICK HALL,
NORWICH.

Dec 16th. 89

My dear Sharpe

The Crane is now sent by rail and I hope you will like it :- when set up the bill should be tinged with green.

KESWICK HALL
NORWICH

the irides rich
golden yellow —
Saxby describes the
crown as dull crimson,
Zoologist 1865. p. 9771.
If he was alive I
expect he would be
pleased that the
Crane he shot should

find its way
into our National
collections.

Yours sincerely
R. H. Gurney Jun

Crane

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

29 Aug 1887

Dear Mr Ridgway

Your very acceptable letter of the 16th has just reached me & I am looking with great interest & the arrival of the falcons which you have been so good as to send me & for my inspection and which I hope will arrive shortly -

I am very glad that you will be able & send us a

Specimen of Stick accidentally
& I think it would be
best & dispatch it &
the Miscellaneous Whitneyi
at once, as if I receive
them before returning the
falcons. I can obtain an
order from our Committee
& send you skins in Sydney
with the falcons when we

Return the letter

Mr Laurence of N. York

has promised to send us a

West Indian Kestrel, which

you would perhaps be good

enough to enclose with the

ords — Invite to take him

& send it your first

perpose, but perhaps you

would also kindly explain

a line to prevent delay

Sincerely

Yours faithfully

W Swainson

Ridgway Collection

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

30 June 1881

My dear Mr Ridgway

I was very glad to find by your last letter that the specimens sent from the Norwich Museum proved acceptable — We have still a good many duplicates which I think would be useful to you and which we should be glad to exchange for other American Accipitres & Striges — including N. Indian & especially Cuban species ——

I am now writing on the Arctic falcons with a view to my remarks being published in the October No: of the Ibis & greatly wish to quote your remarks on "Mac Farlane's Specimen" contained in your letter of the 9 January last, so far as they contain your own view on the subject - they are as follows

"My own view (originally expressed in Hist. N. Gen B) is that the Arctic American (Continental) bird is a race intermediate between N. islandicus and

H. gypsales, the lighter
colored specimens approaching
(in fact I do not see how
they can be distinguished from)
islandicus, while the darker
ones appear to me to be
undistinguishable from gypsales.

The majority of specimens
however are about half way
between."

If you do not wish
me to quote the above
kindly send me a line so
that I receive it not later
than the middle of August,

otherwise, I shall venture
to conclude that you are
kindly willing that I should
avail myself of the above
very clear summary of
your views and, as far as
at present appears, of the
facts

Faithfully yours

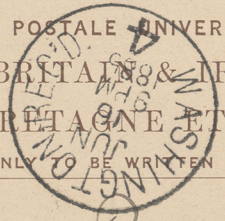
W. A. Greenhill

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Robert Ridgeway Esq.

Smithsonian Institution

Washington D. C

U. S

Ridgway Collection

Northrepps Norwich 4 June 1885

Dear Mr Ridgway

If you happen to have any authentic record of the color of the iris in Ciccaba virgata, may I ask you kindly to send a line or a p. card to tell me what it is?

Yours very truly

H. Gurney

Have written to Gurney & Salvin that Zeledon on three labels has noted "Iris brown". L. S.

Ridgway Collection

RAILWAY & TELEGRAPH STATION, CROMER.

NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

17 Apl 1885

Dear Mr Ridgway

I have to thank you for the last papers you have been so good as to send me & also for your kindly notice of my "list" in the last number of the Auk

I have been also interested by your paper in that number but am sorry to find that I made a blunder in ascribing Audubon's first notice of the Californian Vulture wrongly sometimes 14 sections — I was misled by his Quadrupeds from Douglas, who seems to have been really

the first to mention it, in the
"Ornithological Biography"
Vol 5. p 242 - I was assured by
Lay that it flocked at the
passage very carelessly & did not
observe Audubon's own description
of a Specimen with 12 rectrices at
p 244. -

You may perhaps have observed in
a footnote to p 2 of my Lists, a
reference to the Cranbrook
figured by Selater as S. Equatorialis
I saw this bird again last February
and then made the following note
respecting it. "14 February 1885 - the

tricles are now decidedly Garnet-coloured, though not as brightly so as in the adult ♀ Condor & all the parts which are white in the latter have become sensibly paler — many of the feathers being tinged with yellowish white, disposed here or there in patches"

Should the bird live another two years, my belief is that it will not be distinguishable from an ordinary female Condor

Jan Lending gives a book post two little papers on Eastern owls and hoping that before very long we may carry out another

Mutually acceptable Exchange
of Specimens

Yours very truly

J. D. Kearney

Ridgway C

RAILW

Ridgway Collection

Acad Feb 25th
Incubation of Perisoreus from Japan.

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STATION, CROMER.

NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

5th July 1884

Dear Mr Ridgway

I see that in the Proc:
of the U. S. Nat Mus' for
1883. p 311 you have
identified a Perisoreus from
Northern Japan as
P. ptilorhynchus ——

I have never examined
a Japanese Perisoreus, but
it seems to me so remarkable
that a P. ptilorhynchus should
occur so far to the north, that

I venture to enquire whether this identification has been established by a comparison with an authentic series of the two nearly allied species of Pernis (ptilorhynchus & apivorus)

You will find a few remarks of mine on this subject in the Ibis 1880 p 196 & I hope I may some day see a Japanese specimen

& be able to form an opinion upon Examination of the species its belongs to

Yours very truly

E Bartlett

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NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

20 / May 1885

Dear Mr Ridgway

I thank you much for your highly interesting letter of the 6th & also for your kindly good wishes which I very cordially reciprocate — The circumstance of the number of vultures in the Californian Vulture being in some individuals 14 (as observed both by Audubon & yourself) & in others only 12. is a most remarkable fact — has it any parallel? I do not remember & have heard

of any such — I am very glad
that you have recently
collected specimens of
this fine Vulture from which I
hope that the species is not
quite extinct — in comparing
the Californian Vulture with
the Condor I think the
comparison should be between
specimens of the same sex, as
the average size of the ♀ Condor
is certainly less than that of the ♂
— this is also true of Gypogeranus —

I shall be much gratified should you find time to review my little list — it is a humble endeavour to treat the subject succinctly, but I endeavoured to do so correctly as I was able — & taking into account the printed list of errata, I do not know that there are many blunders in it — but I think I have made one in admitting at p 62 Bates Monatriesi as a good species — I did so on the faith of Seebohm's statement in the Ibis 1883 & did not like to find as it looked like doubting his diagnosis

but I marked it with a * to
indicate that I had not seen
it — since then I have seen the
B. so called specimens of it
mentioned in the Ibis for 1884 p 425
(one of which I secured for our
Museum) & feel certain that
they are nothing more than
B. decurtatum which is a very
variable species — I have
Explained the plan of arrangement
which I endeavored to follow in
pp. 6 & 7. of my preface & have
tried to combine a separate
niche in my catalogue for each

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NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

little group which seemed to me to be naturally distinct from others — but were I to do the work again I think I should call some little companies which I have styled as Genera, Sub-genera only — where the distinction chiefly rests on a prevalent style of coloration & markings — though it is real & natural — it may yet be more correct to call it Subgeneric ~~ag~~ than Generic

I have used the term Sub-species to designate those races

which the Ornithologists of
America usually style "Varieties"
but this is merely a verbal difference
& means nothing except that I am
old & cling to my old habits —

During the last year or
two we have added some
good duplicates to our list
at the Museum & we
should be very happy to exchange
some of them for varieties which
we do not possess or which are
not well represented with us
— Our Microfalco labradorius is a

bad one & two adult ones — also
an adult of the Alaskan
Syrfalcon which we only hope
is in winter dress — there are
also other rarities which I should
be very glad I could show Mr Salvin
— my list shows our deficiencies
as to diurnal raptores & as to
owls we need still such of the
rarest N. Americans as you have not got
kindly lent us — since the
list was printed we have been
fortunate in obtaining an adult ♀
of Ruporni vicegwaji from an

English man resident in
Hayti — but still want the F x
young
Believe me yours very truly

Ridgway Collection

Brighton 11 March
1884

Dear Mr Ridgway

Thank you much
for the description of the
Japanese Pernis — we
have at Norwich a good
series of both P. apivorus
& P. ptilorhynchus & I hope
on my return to Norfolk (probably
in April) to compare your
description with both & write
you as to the results

Yours very truly

J H Gurney

Ridgway Collection

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STATION, CROMER.

NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

12 Dec 1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

I am really much obliged to
You for telling me about
the various new Reports
from Hayti – the information
was especially valuable
as it reached me in time
(by rebinding a sheet) to
include it in my list of
Diurnal Raptores which
I am anxious to make as

complete as I am able

Hoping to hear
from you with similar
information when any
comes to hand, or as to
further enclosures when
you can prepare any, &
with many thanks for
your kind wishes as regards
my health which I am
thankful to say is now

pretty good for an old

man [illegible]

[illegible]

Ridgway Collection

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NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

5 Nov 1883

My dear Mr Ridgway

I thank you very much for sending me your portrait which it gives me much pleasure to see & to possess -

As you are good enough & wish to have my photograph, I send you one by book post which I hope may reach you safely

I have very little of recent Ornithological interest to tell you

but you, perhaps, may like to
know that our Museum
has lately received an
Short Eared Owl. Evidently
this year's bird, which was
obtained early in September
near the Moravian Mission
Station of Okak in Labrador
(Lat: 57° 55") —

Please also to thank
Geo. for a copy of "Forest &

Stream" containing a
paragraph relating to the
formation of the American
Ornithologists Union. And
I trust may prove a
Success in Every Way —

The printers are getting
on with my list of Diurnal
Raptores. Though not quite
so rapidly as I could wish

Believe me
Yours very truly
D. G. Elliot

I am very pain
well just now
— thanks for
your enquiry

Ridgway Collection

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STATION, CROMER.

NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

27 Aug 1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

I congratulate you on having obtained specimens of Ammodramus princeps — I have never been able to get it & if you should acquire others & can spare me one in exchange I should be greatly obliged by your doing so — I am

frequently adding to our
Series of duplicate
Raptores & that I think
I can continue to
Exchange Eggs
Satisfactorily & I have
also a considerable
Series of non-raptorial
duplicates from
South Africa

My index-Catalogue
has just gone to the
printers & I hope
it will be issued
in the course of
the autumn

Yours truly

J. H. Kidder

Ridgway Collection

Ansd Aug. 11. RR

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NORTHREPPS HALL,
NORWICH.

27 June 1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

I delayed the sending you my
Essex letter after I called till I had
finally settled what to do about
the Northern race of Turnstone & Sanderling
– I have now entered it in my forthcoming
list (which I hope will appear in
October) as a distinct Scolopacine & as you
first pointed out its distinctness, I have
taken the liberty of calling it "M. ridgwayi."
which I hope will not be disagreeable
to you –

I have been lately occupied in
endeavouring to make myself better
acquainted with the smaller species
of the genus Micranas – May I solicit

& Godman has lately received
several specimens from Nicaragua & two of these, as also
one from the same locality in
the Norwich Museum. Seem to
& come so close to one type of
M. pelzelni as not to be separable
from it — some of the other
specimens lately received seem
so very much to bridge over
the gap between M. pelzelni
& M. concentricus that I believe
these must be taken to be one
species & as regards plumage
I believe (tho' I need not say that I

have much diffidence in departing from your view -) that the Velzelni is the thoroughly old bird & that the white under parts which you have considered as peculiar & consentrical mark a younger stage -

I am also sceptical as to the bird which you consider the grey phase of M. rufiventris being really identical with that species, as I find that it occurs as far West as the U. S. of Columbia & I have never seen the typical (rufous) rufiventris from any locality further West than on the Island of Trinidad

I am therefore disposed to consider it as a subspecies of guerilla, connecting it with rufiventris, but

distinct from both —

If you will think these views heretical, but you will see what I have to say in explanation of them, more in detail, in my supplementary notes, if I am able to bring them out as I hope to do in October

Yours very truly

J. W. Powell

Ridgway Collection

Ans 7 May

Norwich 26 April
1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

I have just received your
letter in requesting that
future boxes may be sent
through Mr Wesley & I will
do my best to ensure your
wish in that respect being
attended to in future, as it
should have been previously
had I been aware of it.

You refer to a former
letter, which I fear has
never reached me, as I have
not yet heard of the returned

falcons & the birds I sent
with them having reached
you - I hope they arrived
safely notwithstanding
Custom House delay &
I should be much obliged
by a line to that effect

I have been today
examining skins of
Urubitinga Zonura - I have
not yet seen so many
as I would wish, but my

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supposition is that you are right as to there being two races — have you seen proposed a subspecific name for the more northern one? if not, I must try & contrive one for it in my list — at least for present think so

Ever yours very truly

D. H. Gurney

I hope that you duly received my letter written when the box was dispatched

Ridgway Collection
Prof. Baird

25 THE DRIVE,
WEST BRIGHTON.

27 March
1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

I am very much obliged for your of the 10th which reached me this morning —

I congratulate you on the acquisition of Harper's Associates — I have never yet been able to get it, but my friends Sabin

& Godman have it

They have also lately
obtained from the Argentine
Republic three skins of
Spizaëtus in one of which
this is another species
wanting & one Martin at
Norwich -

Another recent addition
to S & L; Martin is a nearly
adult Aquila chrysaëtos from
Ciudad Durango in Mexico -

this is the most
Southerly American
Specimen which I remember
to have seen —

This Eagle is certainly
migratory in Northern
Europe & it may be so,
perhaps, with you also —

I am your very true
W. Swainson

Ridgway Collection

Brighton 12 March 1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

I wrote to you some two or three weeks since, when I sent off your box of falcons, together with a tolerably adult (though not very old) Saker & skins of Hemicparnis longicauda and Limnicolus caligatus which I thought would prove acceptable for your national collection

I leave now to thank you for yours of the 22d February & for the interesting pamphlets which accompanied it & which I am very

glad to have

With regard to the
Californian Condors, I think
there can be no doubt
that in our specimens the
tails are imperfect — I do
not think that a variation
in the number of feathers
would occur naturally in the
same species — I am sorry to
say that our specimens, which
were sent to me from Monterey

Many years ago by my late friend Alexr S. Taylor, was not so well preserved as I could wish – he poisoned his hand in skinning one of them & never fully recovered the use of it.

Ever yours very truly

J. G. Cooper

Ridgway Collection

The box will I believe be sent off to you from the Norwich Museum tomorrow

Prof Baird.

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

23 Feby 1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

Meidelei box mentioned in my last has arrived - it contained 8. skins of L. Lathami from the Volga per Mr Doore from, but I am sorry to say only one of them showed traces of the transverse barring on the back & that but a very limited extent - however, I thought that it had sufficient indications of this peculiar to intensify your pleasure & I therefore secured it for you & now have the pleasure of sending

its in the box with the falcons
which you were so good as to send
me & I now send two others of your
desiderata, hoping that the three
will form a satisfactory Equivalent
for the owls which you kindly sent us
– the other two skins are Limnaetus
caligatus and Henicopernis longicauda
– the latter has had the upper
mandible repaired but I have directed
cotton wool to be placed round it &
I hope that if carefully unpacked you

will find that the bill has arrived
uninjured, but in any case as the species
is one not at all easy to obtain, & a
curious form, I thought you would like
to have the specimen — I find that the
one from Oaxaca mentioned in my
last is S. sartorii, not the typical
nebulosum, but we have a specimen
of the latter, and have been obtained
in Panama, where the locality is one in
which I have not much confidence,
having been attacked & it by a Dealer
who was not always accurate in his
localities — We have also an S. speciosum

of S. sartorii from the now dispersed museum of the Zoological Society which bore these the locality of "South America" but nothing more definite —

I shall hope for the pleasure of another Exchange of Specimens when you have anything interesting to send me & I shall especially be glad of a thoroughly adult Sciurus fulvus (S. griseoflavus) from N. W. America — I shall also be glad to improve our Series of Buteo harlani, B. elegans (including the immature dress) & B. lineatus, the Florida race of which I have not yet obtained & much wish for.

I much want also to get a better specimen than our present one of F. labradorus of Audubon.

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

I want you very much to tell me what you think the type specimen of Cassin's Buteo Oxypterus really is — & names
the wing measurements quoted in
your N. A. Land Birds (13.70 wing &
2. 10 tarsus) seem too small for any
male of B. Swainsoni & I can not help
wondering whether the bird has been
wrongly sexed & is in fact a young ♀
of B. pulicinosus?

We have a young B. pulicinosus
from Jalapa Mexico, which really

resembles the figure, in Baird, Cassin & Lawrence's work, of the type of B. oxypterus Escape that it is dark & black coloured on the crown of the head & has only 7 dark cross bars on the tail

The Emarginations of the primaries would no doubt be a guide as to which species the type of B. oxypterus should be assigned to, though in some specimens of B. fuliginosus (melanistic)

& of B. bracteata (non-melanistic)
the emarginations of the fourth
primary is but very slightly marked

By the by, this Jalapa bird of
ours seems to me to be very intermediate
between B. fuliginosus & B bracteata
— another fact which also confirms
me in the idea of the identity of them
two, is that Salvin & Godman have
certainly one (& I think two) fully
melanistic specimens in which the
easily destroyed central tubercle
in the nostril, characteristic of the typical
B. bracteata, is plainly visible

If you are busy let me know
about B. Mysteries as soon as you
can. I shall be greatly obliged to you
as I want to know where I put it
in the index list of Pastors upon
which I am now working & which I am
anxious to complete as soon as
possible, for at my age life is very
uncertain & what has to be done ought
to be done quickly —

With many apologies for
the trouble I am giving you

I am yours very truly

W. H. Summers

Ridgway Collection

Answered in full Feby 23, 1883. – RR.

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

6 Feby 1883

Dear Mr Ridgway

Your very interesting letter of the 23rd January has just reached me and I thank you very much for the valuable information it contains – & with your permission intend to quote a part of what you tell me about T. Mexicanus in a footnote to my index now in hand –

The owls you have sent are extremely interesting – but I should be greatly obliged if you

would kindly furnish me with
a reference where "allani" is
described as distinct "variety"
(or as ~~one~~ we here call such a
race) a subspecies of the ordinary
nebulosum. I see in the
N. Amer. Land Birds vol 3 p 36
it is not distinguished from the
Common form & suppose the designation
of allani has been conferred
subsequently - I think it should
be considered as a separable local
race notwithstanding the curious sliding

towards the feathered toed bird in
mentioned in yours of the 12th December
Specimens from Northern Florida — I presume
the locality from whence the specimen
we have just received comes is in Southern
Florida — but I can not find it on
the Map — kindly mention this in your next

We have at Norwich a
nebulosum with well
feathered toes Mexico & Mr Boucard
at Oaxaca Mexico — do you
consider it a winter migrant
to Mexico? I am not sure that
this may not be your "Vir Sartorii"
I must examine it more closely when

I am now in Norwich — I once
wrote I mentioned to you that
in the Spring of 1880 a curious event
occurred in Lord Lilford's aviary in
Northamptonshire — a small male
of Bubo magellanicus from Chile paired
with a ♀ Syrnium nebulosum & hatched
a young one which was killed soon
after it was fully fledged — probably
by one of its parents — I saw this
curious hybrid when stuffed. about the parentage
of which there was no doubt. but could
see in it little or no resemblance
to its mother — it is like a rather dark

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B. macallanica with the horns
about half the usual size

The bracteal little
M. whitneyi - is only marked as
regards locality "Miraflores Village"
- Would you kindly tell me in what
State this is as I should like to note
it - as it seems to have been collected
by the same collector as the fine
specimen of S. occidentale from Big tree,
I suspect it may be Californian but
should be glad to be sure

Had quite intended to have
sent M. your fulcrums this week

with what we can offer you
in exchange for the owls, but
two days ago I heard from Möschler
the German dealer at Kronförstchen
near Bautzen, Saxony — offering
to send me on approbation some
skins of what he calls Falco
lanarius, which I suppose will
prove F. Saker of Sharpe's Catalogue
— I wrote in reply to tell him
to send them at once & I delay
your box till these falcons
arrive in the hope that I may find

amongst them one sufficient
would depend on Dyer — whether
succeed in this or not Please
two or three other things which
I think will please you, but below
you will not think I am very
in waiting till Mr Adler's box
arrives

There is one other point about
which I want to trouble you —
Dr Schufeldt very kindly lent me
a copy of his interesting "Contributions
to the Anatomy of Birds" in which I
see at p 732 he states that the

California Condor" has 14 tail feathers" – is this the fact? – we have three of them at Norwich & I counted the feathers in the tail of one & our curator counted those of the other two & we only found 12 feathers in each of the three – of course the tails may be imperfect – but I should much like to know what the right number really is – will you kindly tell me & oblige

Yours very truly

J. A. Allen

"Do you think I could procure any Cuban birds from Dr Gundlach if I were to write to him? I want to get more Cuban Raptores if possible