

Colorado Spring Nov 10. 1879

Mr Ernest Ingersoll
No 14 Bulfinch Stn Boston Mass }

My dear Sir:— You are right in
your supposition that I was waiting to
hear from you before forwarding you
these, I send them by mail today together
with my hastily pencilled notes and
suggestions, which may be of some
service to you

I should like very much to attend
some of the Uittals Club meetings and
hope that I may sometime have the
pleasure of doing so

Yours Very truly

Chas. Daiter

- Icterus* Var *Audubonii*
Misculus macrourus
Corvus corax
 O *Cyanocitta stelleri*
 + *Milvulus tyrannus*
 " *forficatus*
 + *Myiarchus lawrencei*
 O *Colaptes auratus*
Mitrospiza palmarum
Nephocetes niger var *coeruleus*
Chauleura vaupei
Geococcyx sinuatus
 + *Picus lucasianus*
 + *Picoides americanus*
Sphyrapicus ruber
Leucurus aurifrons
Sitta atricapilla
 ? + *Asturina plagiata*
 " *Columba leucocephala*
Geothlypis trichas
Sturnella cyanocephala
Lagopus rupestris
 + *Leptocryptus massena*
Regiabilis cantianus
Haematopus niger
 " *pallidus*
Phalaropus fulicarius
 O *Cardellina rubrifrons*
 " *Naucerus furax*

Birds wanted by C. E. Aiken

- x *Harpophya cinereus*
- var. *Lecontei* 1 sp.
- x *Lophophanes wollweberi*
- x *Auriparus flaviceps*
- x *Campylorhynchus affinis*
- x *Nesocorys Spraguei*
- Helminthophanes Swainsoni*
- Helminthophaga Bachmani* 1 sp.
- " *Lusiae*
- o *Dendroica graciae*
- o *Setophaga picta*
- x *Carthiaca flavesca*
- Pyraura hepatica*
- ? o *Vireo pusillus*
- " *atricapillus*
- Leucosticte arctica* 1 sp.
- ~~o~~ *Plectrophanes pictus*
- Passerculus princeps* no spec's
- " var. *anthinus*
- x " *sanvicensis*
- " *guttatus* 1 sp.
- x " *rostratus*
- Coturniculus Lecontei*
- o *Peucaea cassinii* var. *Arizonae*
- " *ruficeps*
- o *Junco cinereus*
- o " var. *dorsalis*
- Spizella atrigularis*
- Passerculus Townsendii*
- " var. *Schistacea*
- x *Cyanospiza ciris* (ad. ♂)
- " var. *versicolor*
- x *Phainopepla bicolor*
- ~~o~~ *Pipilo* var. *oregonus*
- o *Icterus cucullatus*
- x " *parisorum*

Species wanted "O"
can be supplied
from the
coll.
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over

Mr. Gease: Mr. Ridgway
will be much obliged if you
will return to him the
letter of Mr. Aikens.
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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM,

Washington, D. C.,, 189 .

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you that, in compliance with the request contained in your letter of, addressed to

Copy filed with
acc. 5028. 7-5-98Return to Registrar.
T. J. C. H. P. S. FILE.Coeur d'Alene Springs June 2^d 1898Mr. Robert Ridgway
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I send you by mail today several birds which I wish you to kindly determine for me.

The owl differs so materially from any specimens of M. flammeus that I think it may prove a new form.

It was found dead in Cottonwood timber near the city, and at some distance from the mountains which is the common habitat of the latter. Another specimen which I did not see was also found dead at the same place and at about the same time.

The specimen of Geothlypis labeled May 19th 1893 I judge from your description

of G. melanops must be nearly allied to that form. The specimen No. 3431 represents our common breeding form, sent for comparison.

The three specimens of Sylvania are representative of our migratory birds.

I will be pleased to know to which form you refer them.

I have taken pains to collect good series of Helminthophila virginiana and Sialia m. bairdi which you wrote for a year ago, and if you are still in need of them I can supply 25 or 30 of each, and the same number of Ammodramus bairdi collected last fall.

Yours very truly,

C. E. Cissner

Colorado Springs, Col 4th/11/97

Prof. Robt. Ridgway
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:

I have your favor
and ~~am~~ glad to hear
from you. I have been
in Utah for about eight
years and have not been
able to give much attention
to birds, though I made what
observations I could there.

I noted the breeding there of
Scott's Oriole, which I do not
think has been reported.

I killed Jan 10th 1894 a beautiful
hybrid of the Colorado Valley Quail
with the Bob White, also two
females of the former with the

black throat mark of the male bird.

These three specimens were stolen from a taxidermist's shop where I had left them, and may turn up some time.

I also lost in the same way a specimen of owl which I believe to be of an unnoticed variety.

I have no list of my birds here but if you write me what you desire that I am likely to have I will send as many as I can.

I send you by this mail one skin of Megascops asio americanus which I is all I can conveniently get at if indeed I have any more in the skin. I believe that is one Mr Brewster examined(?) I have several mounted specimens.

This bird was killed in this vicinity and brought to my shop for sale.

I have had but few of them. If agreeable you may permit me \$2.00 for it.
Yours truly C. E. Atkins

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Colorado Springs, Colorado, Aug 2^d 1887

Prof. Robt. Ridgway
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have examined the
owls kindly sent me for comparison
and return them today, together
with five specimens of *Leucosticte*
atra-rosea. I will write you more
fully in a day or two.

Yours very truly
C. E. Aiken

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Colorado Springs Colo.

March 8. 1878

Mr. Robert Ridgway.

My dear Sir:— The
ornithological Report and
your accompanying note
are safely received, and I
trust you will accept my
sincere thanks for your
kindness. I shall read
the report with much
interest—the greater since
it covers the portion of our
country with whose fauna
I am least familiar.

I have been fortunate
enough this winter to
secure a melanistic exam-
ple of Archibuteo ferrugineus.
Is not this unique?

Yours very truly Cha. E. Aiken

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Colorado Springs, Colo., July 25 1884

Mr. Robert Ridgway
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Most of my bird skins are packed away so that I cannot conveniently examine them to tell definitely what I can spare you, but I think I can supply most of the following-

✓	<i>Parus atric. septentrionalis</i>	2 prs.	@ \$25 each	
	<i>Catherpes mex. conspersus</i>	1 "	1.00	"
	<i>Anthus ludovicianus</i>	1 " summer	1.00	"
	<i>Icteria virens. longicauda</i>	2 ♀ ad.	.50	"
	<i>Lanius solit. plumbeus</i>	2 prs-	.50	"
✓	<i>Leucosticte atrata</i>	3/4 pr. 2 prs or more.	2.50	"
✓	" <i>australis</i>	1/4 pr. " " "	.50	"
	<i>Corvus cryptoleucus</i>	1 "	2.00	"
✓	<i>Perisoreus canad. capitalis</i>	2/4 pr. 1 "	.50	"
	<i>Euphonia fulv. pallescens</i>	2 "	1.00	"
✓	<i>Junco Aikeni</i>	2/4 pr. 2 "	.50	"

Scops and *Maxwellia* and *Lagopus* I can perhaps obtain for your next winter, and if I have not as many of the other species above enumerated

✓ recd July 29/1884

I can procure them another season -
I have not been able to do any collecting
for some years and my series of western
birds is considerably broken -

If you decide to send me an order
I will look my stock over and fill
the order as nearly as possible with good
specimens - I have printed no price-list
since 1877 -

Yours Respectfully
Chas. E. Aiken -

so fortunate as to find it
this season.

I suppose Henshaw
has done a prodigious amount
of work this season, and made
discoveries that will outshine
anything accomplished by
the Government survey for
some time past. In a letter
to me written in September
he spoke of finding three birds
new to our fauna in the
course of two or three hours
collecting, and also mentioned
several others which he
thought were new.

I am very much obliged to
you for your photograph, which
I look upon as one of the brightest
stars in my photographic
constellation. Also I thank
you for your paper on
the birds of the Nabash Valley

Colorado Springs Nov. 18. 1874

Mr. Robert Ridgway
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 31st
ultimo directed to Fountain, reached
me today, just in time to prevent
my mailing a letter that I had
already written you concerning the
birds I loaned you. which letter
was written under the impression
that I was being a little imposed
upon. Since I returned in
October and found the birds
at the Express Office with \$8.15
charges, and on opening the box
found that the crates of the
entire lot had been kept back
with no other explanation than
the birds in the box. I had

brooded over what I imagined
my present and past injuries,
until what were really fully as
mole-hills had grown to mountains.
On reading your letter however
they again sank into their
proper magnitude, and I am
glad that I received it as soon
as I did.

The specimens of *L. griseinucha*
are very interesting and quite
different from anything that I
ever killed. I did not know
they were so large. The specimen
of *H. Pompedoni* very beautiful.
All the birds returned were
received in good condition, and
I am perfectly satisfied with the
care taken of them. I should
like to hear what conclusions
you came to concerning the
quail. I presume you
consider *griseinucha* and

australis, good species and
littoralis a variety of *lephacotis*.
Are you still of the opinion
that the new *atrata* is
distinct from the others?

I took a pair of *australis* in
September on one of the peaks
of the San Juan Range just north
of the New Mexican line - these
were the only ones seen during
my trip with H. Wheeler.

The fact of the discovery of
two *Helminthrophagas* in
one season, in such close
approximity to each other
and in ~~such~~ localities that
have been raked over as
thoroughly as Massachusetts and
Long Island, is certainly very
remarkable, and encourages me
to think that there may still
be something new found in
Colorado, though I was not

Apr 81

Fortune Colorado Mex 18.74

My Dear Sir

Your favor of nearly two months since together with the centronyx reached me in due season and I have to apologize for not having answered it sooner.

All of my specimens of Archibuteo ferrugineus are females, and all but one are in the adult or nearly adult plumage. I have selected a couple of the latter which I will send you presently, and will take the opportunity of sending at the same time, a number of birds, hawks mainly, about whose identity I am a little uncertain - As the box will be

quite bulky I shall probably
send it by freight.

I enclose my photographer,
and shall be pleased to receive
yours in return - also I shall
be pleased to receive when issued
copies of your paper on the
birds of this Territory.

Yours Truly

Chas. E. Atkins

Apr 81

Mountain March 20. 1874

My Dear Sir

I send you today ^{by express} the box of bird I wrote about about two weeks since. The box contains besides besides the two *A. ferrugineus* for yourself a package for Mr. Henshaw a mammal & small tin box for Prof. Baird, and a number of birds for identification. The latter you may return at my expense excepting the dinner which is worthless.

Yours Very Truly
Chas. E. Aiken

Ans Jones.

Colorado Springs May 14. 74

My Dear Sir

I am indeed both surprised and pleased, as you supposed I would be, to learn that one of the Hawks sent you should prove to be Buteo cooperii. It is a bird that I bought from a Taxidermist in Denver and I think there is no doubt but what it was killed there.

You are welcome to one of the specimens of Buteo oxyphus, but cooperii I am not so willing to part with, for I fear I shall never be able to obtain another for my own collection - at any rate - I should want to re-examine it, before relinquishing my claims on it.

I will look over my *Heurtois*
and if I find among them any
at all interesting will send them
to you - I will send you
in the same mail with this
a pair of birds which I think
will bear investigation - Should
they prove new, it will make
up for the mistake concerning
Cathartes & *Bardii*. I have a
fine lot of *L. australis* - Of the
bird I send, I have in all four
Spec. only one male however -

The female if I send you may
deposit in the Smithsonian
Collection - the other (the male) I should
like to have returned -

Hoping to hear from you
shortly (and lengthily as well.) I remain

Yours Very Truly

Alfred A. Allen

in which I was much interested. I find in the list many names that surprise me but I also miss some that I have found in the vicinity of Chicago.

I shall be pleased to exchange if you will make me good returns.

My own collection is pretty full, so I shall not want any of the common species, and I detest foot skins, also I prefer only birds actually taken north of Mexico.

I enclose a list of my desiderata. Please let me know what you can let me have for the fifty three birds retained and given in your list, recollecting that you have

had the privilege of selecting
them from my entire series.

The specimens of L. atratus
and Bates oxypleurus not
included in the list I shall
of course want returned
when you are through
with your examinations
of them -

Yours Very Truly

Chas. E. Siken

Residerata

<i>Cathartes Burroianus</i>	<i>Melospiza tyrannus</i>
<i>Falco anatum</i>	" <i>forficatus</i>
" <i>var nigriceps</i>	<i>Saxicola senanthe</i>
" <i>Caudicans</i>	<i>Neocorys Spragueii</i>
" <i>Islandicus</i>	<i>Helminthophila Swainsonii</i>
<i>Asio atricapillus</i>	<i>Merula migratoria Bachmani</i>
<i>Bubo Harlanii</i>	<i>Dendroica occidentalis</i>
" <i>Elegans</i>	" <i>Townsendii</i>
<i>Asio rufus</i>	" <i>Kirtlandii</i> (?)
<i>Nauclemus furcatus</i>	<i>Cardellina ruber</i>
<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	<i>Setophaga picta</i>
<i>Polyborus tharus</i>	" <i>miniata</i>
<i>Circus umicinctus</i>	<i>Oryzopsis var Cooperi</i>
<i>Campophiles principalis</i>	" <i>hepatica</i>
<i>Picoides hirsutus</i>	<i>Euphonia degantissima</i>
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	<i>Tamias cassinii</i>
<i>Cinclus flaviventris</i>	" <i>huttoni</i>
<i>Prochilus Alexandri</i>	<i>Caprimulgus lecontei</i>
<i>Atthis coccinea</i>	<i>Polyptila melanura</i>
<i>Chordeiles Loxensis</i>	<i>Vireo atricapillus</i>

Lophophanes atricristatus *Icterus wagleri*
 " *Holliveleri* " *cuculatus*
Batrachopus melanotus *Cyanocitta* *Sordida*
Parides flaviceps " *ultramarinus*
Certhiola flavicola ~~*Xanthocephalus*~~
Carpodacus haemorrhous *Xanthocephalus* *Cuxusa*
Chrysomitris Lawrencei - ad ♂ *Columba flaviventris*
Passerculus var *Sandwichensis* " *leucocephalus*
 " " *ustratus* *Melanophila* *leucoptera*
Coturniculus *Leontii* *Oreophila* *Martini*
~~*Junco cinereus*~~ *Sturnus* *cyanocephalus*
 " *dorsalis* *Tetrao* var *Franklinii*
Spizella atrigularis *Lagopus* *rufestris*
Melospiza var *Hermannii* *Callipepla* *squamata*
 " " *Gouldii* *Leptonyx* *massena*
 " " *rufina* *Guimantopus* *pallidus*
Picaca *ruficeps* " *niger*
Eubornagra *rufivirgata* *Phalaropus* *fulicarius*
Picaca var *Cassinii* *Tringa* *subarquata*
Passerella var *Lowmendi* *Porzana* *parva* *censis*
Cyanospiza *ciris* ad ♂ *Gallinula* *Martini*
Icterus *Audubonii*
 " *Parisorum*

Mountain El Paso Co. Colorado 2/2/93

Mr Robert Ridgway

Dear Sir

Your favor of Dec 28.
mailed Jan 20. is just received -

I have selected a pair of *Junco oreganus*
+ a specimen of *Catherpes mexicanus*
which I will send you with as a
present, together with one or two
other species for identification -

I have not been able to get my
prior lists printed here so am obliged
to send a list of numbers from
Smith's Catalogue, as I have done
to others. I was sorry not to
have made an exchange with
you, for there were several birds
in the list you offered that I
wanted very much. I sent some
time since a box of birds to Prof. Baird
to be identified. Yours truly
Chas. E. Silliman

this, the list of numbers sent
some time ago, and also two
parcels of birds, one of which
contained specimens of
Junco aikeni & *Catherpes mexicanus*
for yourself. The flycatcher
sent you for identification
proves what I had supposed
them to be, but as I had no
eastern birds here to compare
them with I could not be
certain about them —

Very Truly Yours
Chas. E. Aiken

Fountain El Paso Co. Colorado 2/20/73

Mr. Ridgway
Dear Sir

I learn with great
pleasure from your favor of
the 5th inst. that the bird sent
you some time since turns out to
be not only a new description, but a
representative of an interesting and
little known genus. I have just
sent the description of it to the
"Naturalist" under the name you
suggested, which I think very appro-
priate. I am greatly obliged to
you for your kindness in pre-
paring the description &c. I
have great hopes of being able
to procure other specimens in the

spring, in which case I will
renew your. The single
specimens of Centrurus chirocephalus
which I did secure, I killed
some distance out on the plain
while hunting antelope. The
day previous to killing it while
out with only my rifle I saw
two birds which at the time I
supposed to be Coturniculus parvus
but which I now believe were rep-
resentatives of the new species—

Never having taken C. parvus
in Colorado I was anxious to do
so, so the next morning I left
camp for the express purpose
of procuring one of the doubtful
birds, which I was fortunate
enough to do after several hours
search. You can imagine my
delight when I found that I had

killed a bird with which I
was wholly unacquainted. Had
I not been obliged to return home
that day I presume I might
have secured others. The birds
at that time (Oct 1) were doubtless
on their southern migration. I shall
look for their return next April.
I presume with specimens of that
bird in the spring plumage, though
probably not materially different
from the fall plumage, that it
could be established beyond
a doubt whether or not it is
entitled to rank as a separate
species. We would naturally
expect to find the spring plumage
with less of the ochraceous tint,
and perhaps with the under
parts pure white instead of buffy.
You have probably received before

Montane El Paso Co. Colorado
Feb. 9. 1873

Robert Ridgway Esq

I send you in the same mail with this, the specimens of Catherpes mexicanus and Junco aikeni that I promised a few days since together with two other birds which I should like to have you examine and return. In a letter written last June, you offered me Ictinia mississippiensis, Xanopus furcatus, Prothonotaria citrea, Thryothorus bicivicki & Percaea aestivalis. Please let me know when you have any more of these birds for exchange.

Respectfully Yours
Chas. L. Silliman.

~~Prof. Baird~~~~Ans'd June 9-~~

Fontaine El Paso Co. Colorado

May 26. 1873.

Mr. Ridgway

Dear Sir

About the fore part of this month I made a trip to ^{the} vicinity where I captured the new *Centrurus* last fall, and spent a day in riding over the adjacent country. I succeeded in taking one more specimen which I think was the only one seen. Though I killed many other birds in hopes that some of them might prove the one sought for. The bird I was fortunate enough to obtain, was started as I was ascending, in a slight depression, to the top of a ridge.

After flying about fifty yards

It lit, and as I advanced cautiously
towards the spot, I saw its head
turning from behind a tussock,
and shot it. The flight of
the bird is very similar to that
of the Savannah Sparrow. But its
habits differ inasmuch as it
frequents the high ground where
the grass is scattered and rather
short while the Savannah Sparrow
in that vicinity was found only
in the long coarse grass that
grows in the depressions of the
prairie. A comparison of the
contents of the stomachs of *C. schreyi*
with that of
the Savannah Sparrow shot the same
day showed that the food of
the two birds was the same, i.e.,
small bugs and a certain black seed,
but the former had removed the
husks of the seeds while the latter
had not. I send you the *Centurus*

as a present, together with a
number of other birds which I
should like to have you examine
and return. These both are
mostly western representatives of
well known eastern species, and
I should like to have them
satisfactorily identified. The
Cyanospiza amoena I send on
account of its peculiar
markings. This bird although
killed in July when its feathers
were all chapped & ragged is in
almost as good plumage as if
killed in May.

Very Truly Yours

Chas. E. Silliman

Fountain Colorado June 10. 72

Robert Ridgway Esq
Dear Sir

Your favor of the 27th ult. is before me — Upon the receipt of the Rev. of Atch. Birds I discovered immediately that Helminthophaga virginiana was the warbler I had described in my last letter to Prof Baird. I have ten or twelve specimens of this bird, and will spare you a pair.

I shall be pleased to make an exchange with you though there are few South Illinois birds that I require, the only one that I now think of being the Carolina wren (T. ludoviciana.)

If you were to send me a short list composed of the rarer, and exclusively Southern birds I could doubtless make a selection. There are a number of birds found in the S.E. States which I am very desirous of obtaining such as Bachman's & Swainson's Warblers.

I have no specimens of the Pigmy Owl excepting the one referred to in my letter to Prof. Baird and this is mounted. I think however that I will send it with another owl and one or two flycatchers about which I am doubtful.

I give on the next page a partial list of duplicates collected here the season.

Very Respectfully Chas. E. Aiken

Numbers from Smithsonian Catalogue

126	127	136	138	159	160
173	228	278	281	287	
289	299	307	308	352	353
354	365	381	386	393	
398	416	425	431	432	

Junco amietus. J. Aikeni
Helminthophaga virginiae
Vireosylva swainsonii V. plumbea

P.S. The box of birds
has just arrived by
express - I am very
much obliged to you for
the *Ictenia mississippiensis*
and for your kindness
in labeling the other
specimens so nicely -

C. S. A -

Tomburi El Paso Co. July 25. 73

Mrs. Ridgway
Dear Sir

Your welcome
letter of the 9th ult. was
received in due season.

Did you return the birds
sent you for identification,
at that time? If so I
fear they are lost for I have
not received them. Our mails
here are sometimes very irregular
and unreliable. I have lost
several letters and packages
that I know of, and doubtless
others that I did not know of
failed to reach me - So the
original *Centurus ochrocephalus*
still at Washington? Have you

are entirely through with it.
I should like to receive it,
for although I hope to obtain
other specimens in future,
I should prize this one more
highly for its having been the
first of the ~~quercus~~ species killed
as well as from the fact that
it is the original of the figure,
(which I believe you were to
have made of it) and of the
description -

I believe that I have seen
Allen's Leucosticte australis
on Pike's Peak on the 6th inst.
though I did not secure it.
The bird flew past within
six or eight feet of me, so
that I had a very good view
of it. It disappeared quickly
behind some rocks & I saw
no more of it. I am positive

that it was a Leucosticte.

I am quite well acquainted
with S. lephrocotis. The bird
in question appeared slightly
larger than lephrocotis and
the side was uniformly of a
deep red color, nearly of the
^{same} shade I should think, as this
bit of wool which I have
just pulled from the carpet.
Moreover, as this was nearly three
weeks ago and the bird passed
me so quickly, I may have
~~been~~ been mistaken as to its size
and coloring. Did Mr. Allen find
his 6th nests of this bird, or
did he only notice the bird in
the breeding season.

Yours truly
Chas. E. Silliman ^{over}

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1. 7. 10. 13. 18. 50^{1/2}. 58. 60. 75. 77. 94
 96. 98. 104. 108. 114 or 115. 124. 126. 127.
 131. 136. 138. 137. 146. + 4 others of this genus.
 155. 158. 159. 160. 161. 164. 165. 168
 170. 173. 177. 183. 184. 192 194
 195. 203. 217 223. 226. 228. 231
 233. 235. 236. 238. 245. U. plumbea
 253. 254. 255. 261. 263. 264. 271.
 275. 278. 281. 282 287. 289. 294
 299. 302. 307. 308. 313. 314. 317. 322
 332(?). 337. 344. 345. 352. 353. 354.
 I. amictus. + *A. kuni* 357. 359. 360(?). 363(?).
 365. 377. 381. 382 386. 387 393. 397.
 398. 401. 404. 407. 416. 418. 421. 425
 430. 431. 432. 436. 438. 451. 504
 505. 523. 543. 554 569. 549.

Mr. Holden while here also obtained
 one of our Eastern bluebirds
Sialia sialis. Letters directed to
 me at Granite, Lake Co. till Aug ~~1st~~

To Fairplay Park Co. till Sept 1 and
 afterwards to Fountain will probably
 reach me - L. E. Silliman

Fountain Colorado T. July 17. 72

Ridgway Collection

Mr. Ridgway

Dear Sir
 Your favor of the
 20th ult. I found awaiting
 my return from Trinidad.
 I am now busily engaged
 in my preparations for a
 trip to the mountains, and
 as my specimens are all
 packed away, and some of
 them scattered among the
 different places at which
 I have collected, it will
 be almost impossible for
 me to do anything in the
 way of an exchange until
 my return, two or three months
 hence - During this interval

I shall very likely obtain
other birds that you may
desire, and you will have
an opportunity to procure
the specimens for my ex-
change which you now
lack - The birds in your
list which I would like
are Icteria mississippiensis,
Naucurus fuscatus, Geothlypis
pileatus, Vireo belli, Thryothorus
bewicki, T. ludovicianus,
Peucaea aestivalis, in pair
if possible -

I have not had the
opportunity of comparing
authenticated specimens of
Spizella palida & S. breweri and
can not be positive to which
species my sparrows belong -

I have specimens of both
Falco polyagrus & F. columbarius but
do not remember how they are

marked - My Pigeon Owl has
the head spots circular and the
tail bands pure white. It
agrees in every particular with
Cassin's description of Haukideus
quoma and I have no doubt
that it belongs to this species.

I have not collected many
hawks and owls but any of
these that you may wish to
examine I will loan this
fall with pleasure - Most of my
collecting has been among the
foothills where these birds are
seldom seen - I am aware that
I have taken a number of birds
new to this locality. I give list on
next page - I expect at the end
of another year in this territory
to put the results of my collecting
in print - In addition to the
birds collected I have observed
several varieties of ducks and various
other birds - Reply L. E. Aiken

Mountains El Paso Co. Col. T.

Och 18. 1892

Robert Ridgway Esqr.
Dear Sir

Just previous to starting on my trip to the mountains last July, I wrote you a letter to which I received no reply, but as our mails here are not very reliable, & it is quite probable that the letter did not reach you, or that its answer miscarried. If you still wish to make the exchange we contemplated, I can offer you in addition to my former list, the following

104. 195. 230. 263. 264. 291. 294.
314. 329. 430. 438. 443. 500. 368.

My birds are packed away, but I shall look them over soon

and will save out your specimens.

I have quite a number of birds which I should like to send you for identification and some-
merely that you may examine them - If we exchange I will send them all together -

If you have Southern or Western birds for exchange that were not mentioned in ~~the~~ your letter I should be pleased to see the list -

If there is anything in my collection that you would like to examine, you have only to let me know of it.

Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain,

Respectfully Yours

Chas. E. Aiken