

If there are any other
birds of which you would
like spirit specimens let me
know - no ask will be to receive
any that I have at command
Health & prosperity to you
at all times faith & yours

W. D. L. S.

Dr R Bowdler Sharpe

Queensland Museum,

Brisbane, Feb 10 1897

Dear Dr Sharpe

I have great pleasure
in being able at last to send
you spirit specimens (two) of
Paramythia included with them
is a specimen of a bird that will
I think be interesting to you if not
as absolutely new to you as it is to
me; I am venturing to describe it
under the name appearing on the label

Have you received from Dr
Schaler a skin which I asked him to
transfer to you when he had done
with it? I sent it to him in November
last and have heard nothing of it since
- I hope it has not gone astray - it
also was new to me

the way of bird skeletons. Günther brusquely told me he did not want my help, as for bird skeletons the Museum made its own - I departed with a flea in my ear.

Allow me to congratulate you, or rather the Museum, on your promotion.

The skins you were good enough to send me came as a surprise. When Dr Schaler told me he had handed the Loria & over to you it never occurred to me that you might send me anything for it, consequently the voluminous return you made is doubly acceptable. As to the future I dare say we shall be able to arrange such matters satisfactorily.

There have been no reports ^{mine} on birds since that of 1894.

Sincerely yours

W. S. S.

P.S. I was forgetting to thank you for your portrait and that of *Cnemidophorus*. I have despatched a set of the Annual Reports to you.

Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Queensland Museum,

Brisbane, Jan^y 29 1894

Dear Dr Sharpe

The only chance of getting spirit specimens of *Paramythia* is to send Sir W Macgregor a picture of the bird and ask him to have examples of it put into spirits. He tells me that this next season he intends to have exploring parties out and if these ascend as no doubt they will, to the proper height they will most likely meet with the bird again. I will write and ask him to give special orders to his collectors.

Once only I had to do with Günther. I was returning 20 years ago from a visit to England and called to offer any service I could render to the Museum, especially in

If I should happen to have an offer of a *Paramythia* which I might & desire for you?

is of opinion that Goodwin names for
the *Cuculoptilus* and the new *Amblyornis*
have priority. I feel that I ought to protest
against this. The use which Goodwin ~~has~~
made of the knowledge obtained by him as a
bird servant of Sir W Macgregor was
highly dishonourable and should I think
be discountenanced in the most practical
manner possible, by refusing to him the
credit he has sought by surreptitious means.
One cannot but admire the smartness of the
man in stealing away from the Oron Stanley
party on its return journey to Brisbane
hurry to London and with the coolest
effrontery publishing on his own authority
descriptions of the chief novelties. But
such conduct should not under any circum-
stances be allowed success. I submit that in
the interests of scientific expeditions alone
it would be better to admit sufficient publi-
cation even in a colonial blue book than to
reward dishonesty.

R Bowdler Sharpe Esq

Yours very truly
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Queensland Museum,

Brisbane, Jan 24th 1892

My dear Sir

I have much pleasure in
finding that I can in any way be of service
to you and Dr Seebohm. By this mail
I send you the birds you require, a pair
of Bower Birds and the N. G. blackbird.

Your request for leave to figure
Macgregor's Bower Bird is of course purely
a measure of courtesy and as such I thank
you for it. The skin has been through the
taxidermist's hands and mounting has
much increased its beauty. I find that the
crest springs from the very front of the forehead
in two contiguous pencils of three ^{graduated} feathers
each. These diverge laterally reminding
one of the plumose antennae of a large moth.

I am not conscious of any good
for specific names but hearing that Dr
Selater

P. S.

The Trustees of Miss Drusⁿ
bid me offer the pair of Bower
Birds as a donation to the British
Museum - Will you kindly advise
their acceptance - The Mercula
cannot I am sorry to say be so
dealt with - we have a second example
but it is an inferior one -

Finally allow me to disclaim
the title 'D^r'

Queensland Museum.

Brisbane Sep^r 25th 1884

Sir,

I am informed by a lady who has lately visited the British Museum that some of the birds of Queensland would be acceptable to you. I should be very happy to send you, as opportunity may offer, anything of special interest to you if you are willing to reciprocate in some measure. If I may be allowed to point out the mode in which a return could be made with the greatest advantage to the institution under my care

let me remind you of the great difficulty often experienced in determining species solely by the vague descriptions of the earlier writers and the consequent value, to one unable to refer to types, of examples authenticated by the British Museum. Is it too much to expect that I may occasionally receive in return for desiderata and types of such things as cannot be identified satisfactorily - e.g. lizard sp. or fish -

I am now taking the liberty of sending you under another cover a pair of birds in confirmation of Goulds M. laniar. They were obtained by my col.

lector, Rowabout, at Kimberley
at the mouth of the Norman
River, Gulf of Carpentaria, —
he sent several of both sexes,
all in similar plumage — I
shall be glad to have your
opinion of their specific
value and am Sir

obediently your

Chas. V. S.

Curran

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