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Today went through
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1871 - 1881 JW Gould
references -
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Feb. 9 1881

Dec. 7, 1880

~~May 13, 1880~~ transferred to file
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Jan. 11, 1880

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New York Dec 1786

My dear Ridgway

Yesterday I received the specimens of *Contopus* & hoped to have had a letter from you to day - Would like your opinion about them now that you have seen Schaler's types of brachytarsus. The two he sent differ a little, the Brazil one & my Panama specimens seem alike - but my other two & the one from Berlepsch - I consider different - I am very glad to see the specimens of *C. schottii* - one object in writing is to ask if I may send one

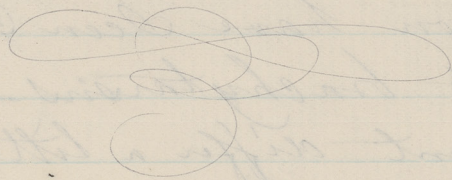
to Slater for examination -
I wish to get them off this
week -

I have not yet heard about
the Dakota Quail - except that
the person from whom I got
them, said he knew that he ^(the collector) had
never been in Florida -

I am expecting to hear daily
about them -

Yours truly

Geo. A. Lawrence



New York Nov 15 1886

My dear Ridgway

Much obliged for the examination
of the type of Bachman's Warbler
& pleased that my specimen corresponds
so closely with it - The plate is
as you say, very faulty - in the
folio edition it may be more correct.
It was an unexpected acquisition -

I have just received from Sclater
the type of *Cont. brachytarsus* & with
it a specimen from Brazil. -

The last agrees closely with my
specimen from Panama. The type
is a much darker colored bird & yet
Sclater sends them as the same -

My specimens from Venezuela &

Brit. Guiana & the specimen from
Berleposch I agree with you in being
all the same species, & different
from brachytarsus - although one
of them was so labelled by Selater.

Selater says he has it from
Panama, Bogota, Venezuela, Guiana,
Peru & the Amazons.

I think of sending them all over
to him stating our views, & if
he chooses to describe any of them.

I will send him & my specimens
to you by mail to-morrow, & will
be obliged if you will return them
soon - as he wishes me not to keep
them long.

He wants me to send him typical
specimens of any of the Tyrannidae
I have in my collection -

I cannot send you the Sacota
Quail at present - as they re-
sembled the Florida form so much -

Prof. Allen asked if they might
not have originally come from there.

I have made inquiry & know they
were sent from Sacota - yellow-headed
black birds &c. with them.

The party from whom I got them
has written to ask if killed there,
& I have ordered others, when I hear
will let you know & send your
specimens for examination.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence

Am. Birds

New York Nov. 7. 1880

My dear Ridgway -

I have done nothing yet about the two species of Contopus - waiting to hear from Salter.

I have a specimen of Backman's Warbler - shot in Louisiana last spring. I showed it to Prof. Baird, who may have told you about it.

I want to give a notice of it in the Auk. It seems to be a year old ♂, (not quite mature) - the black on the neck in front is very much as in Audubon's plate, but instead of the crown being all black - it is ash colored, the anterior part only black, say for $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch - the color of the face & body below is dull yellow of a greenish shade - in Audubon's plate

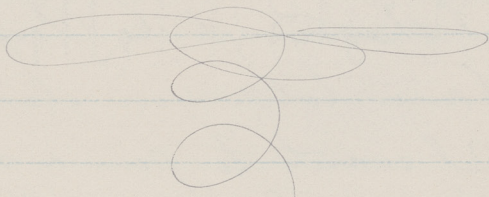
these parts are of a deep garnet
yellow.

I would like to know if the
type agrees with the plate as
regards the color of the crown &
the under parts.

But only specimen was obtained
- but quite a number of Lewis-
son's Warbler.

Yours truly

Geo. W. Lawrence



New York Oct. 20th 80

My dear Ridgway —

As you desire I will undertake the examination of the two species of *Contopus*, to do which, it will be very important to have the type of *C. brachytarsus*. I will write to Mr. Sclater as you suggest requesting its loan, & stating that you desired to see it also. —

Did I understand you correctly that you considered Berlepsch's specimen to be the same as my two from Guiana & Venezuela? I thought so.

Please let his specimen come with the others. —

I have some Quail from Dakota which are of great interest.

Prof. Allen could hardly believe

New York Oct. 15th 1886

My dear Ridgway —

By mail to morrow I will send your specimens of *C. Ardesiacus* one of which was labelled by me. I was correct that time. One of mine that I sent to ^{Slater} as *Ardesiacus* with a? he labelled as *brachytarsus* — von Berlebach's specimen (also returned) seems the same.

I also send you, besides my two specimens above spoken of — the two examples from Panama — called *brachytarsus*.

As you consider them both new species, you are at liberty to describe them, ^{they} will come in very properly in the article you have in hand.

Berlebach seems to have been in error. If you have no typical example of *C. brachytarsus* — had you not better get

one from Iceland -

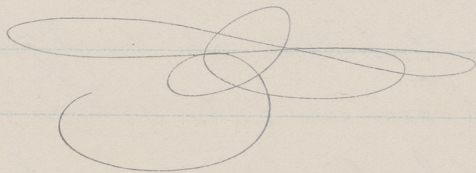
Are you to write up any other
Genera besides *Empidonax* & *Contopus*?

Have you any specimens of the
Virginia Quail from Dakota, & if
so, do they ^{differ} at all from Eastern
specimens?

Don't forget to send the promised
Cory's Shearwater -

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Oct. 1st 1886

My dear Ridgway

By mail to morrow I will
send you, as follows —

Contopus albicollis Type
do lugubris C. Rica
 2 *do brachyotus* Panama
 1 *do do* Venezuela —
do ardesiacus, Supr. *do*
do bogotensis Bogota
do sordidulus Sant —

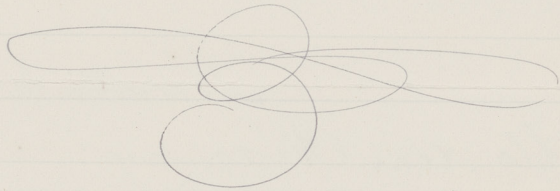
Empidonax flaviventris — you
may have had that before, but
it is much smaller than any
of my specimens —

I send *C. sordidulus* as so well
representing what was so called —

You say nothing of the West
Indian species of *Contopus*?

Yours truly

Geo. A. Lawrence



New York Sep. 28th 1880

My dear Ridgway

The specimens of *Chaturus* to hand - of course I am disappointed in your decision concerning them - & do not desire to have your specimens sent on -

I have a specimen of *P. borealis* given me by Mr. Cory, but would much like another good one -

That a species apparently not uncommon, should have remained undiscovered until comparatively a quite recent date, seems very remarkable -

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence

How & where did Prof. B. get them -

New York Sep. 24/80

My dear Ridgway -

By Adams to day I send
Chaturus ganneri - type

do do

do do spines not worn

do *yucatanica* Type

do *peregrinator* "

Two tails of do -

Gannet sent but one perfect
specimen of *C. peregrinator* & twenty
tails to show the spines in all
were perfect - In *C. ganneri* not
more than 1 in 20 were unworn -

I have no specimens from any
other part of Mexico.

There was one S. S. specimen no 30840
from Guenas Gant. labelled *C. vauxi* by
Salvin - that I thought seemed

to be a distinct species, ~~species~~
I named it provisionally *Chel.*
Salvini - but concluded not
to describe at that time.

I also return the Hummers.

Dr. Gundlach requested me in a
late letter to send the type of *Aeg.*
tennirostris to you for your opinion.

I have therefore done so & send
back the specimens of *A. nivosa*
kindly lent me. I send also my
specimen of *A. nivosa* ♀ as it seems
in better plumage than yours -
very dark above compared with
the Cuban bird -

The specimen from Yucatan I
think is the ♂ of *A. tennirostris* - it
is paler than the ♀ & very much
more so than *nivosa* from Calif.

They differ in measurements as
follows -

A. tennirostris ♀. Wing, 3.88; tail, 2.13; bill, .62

A. nivosa ♀ (L.) " 4.12; " 1.88; " .50

A. tennirostris ♂. Wing 3.88; tail 2.05; bill .62

A. nivosa ♂ (L.) " 4.25; " 1.88; " .62

In most of your specimens the wing
measures 4.25; the tail 1.88; bill .50.

As you will see Gundlach's bird
is loose from its feet, I so wrote
him. He replied that it was easily
fixed & that its legs were those of
Calidris arenaria - its own legs
being injured by an accident since
I described it.

I would like to see other speci-
mens from Yucatan - I suppose
you had none from Cozumel?

Please let me have your views
about it. That I may write Dr.
G. when I send back his speci-
men.

Yours truly
Geo. N. Lawrence

New York Sept. 12th 1880

My dear Ridgway —

I have been at home from Point Pleasant for a few days — and was not able to take in hand the Hummers sent me, until this morning — I soon matched them all in my collection — as follows:

Phaethornis superciliosus (Linn.)

100- *Campylopterus largipennis* (Bod.)

Both like specimens from Cayenne.

Agryta tephrocephala (Vieill.)

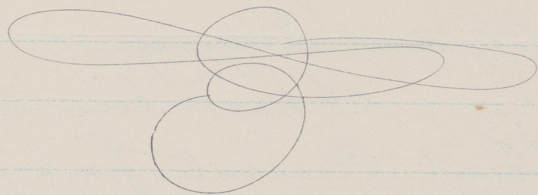
Thalurania eriphila (Less). Five specimens all females & young.

I will soon return them with the specimens of *Aegialitis*, which I wish to take notes of — A letter from Gundlach lately — he says, show the *Aeg. tenuirostris* to Mr Ridgway —

This I will also send for your
opinion & write you the differences
I make from Missa.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



Point Pleasant N.J. Aug. 13/80

My dear Ridgway

I have your two letters of the 8th & 10th forwarded to me here. —

I note that you ^{will} send the box from Berleposch on arrival. — they are in exchange for some sent him. —

The Hummers are doubtless at the house, & I will examine them as soon as I return, which may not be for 3 or 4 weeks. — I have acknowledged their receipt & I am desirous to see them. — *Thornidius ricordi* from the Bahamas Cuba, I think agree. I am pleased that *S. bracci* seems to be sustained as a species. —

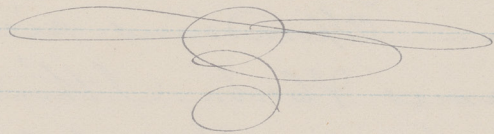
I have not seen any numbers of the *Biologia* since those you had at the C. Park Museum. — They have

later numbers at the Museum
but for some reason they have not
been accessible - will look at them
when I get back -

They are certainly inconsistent
in their rulings - & I think should
not be considered as final settle-
ments. In my opinion there are
other Ornithologists whose decisions
are quite as reliable. Where to draw
the line does not seem to be settled
yet - but as you say, a rule that
will apply in one case should apply
in other similar ones.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Aug^t 8th 1880

My dear Ridgway

I have a letter from Count Berlepsch saying, he had sent a box of birds for me to Dr. Hugel of Teilsie, Agent for the Smithsonian to be forwarded - he says, he would write you that the box was for me - my address appearing inside on a stiff paper on the top - On arrival will thank you to forward it.

It looks as if *Spor. bracci* might be a straggler from some one of the islands - it seems to differ too much from *S. ricordi* to be abnormally colored.

Count von Berlepsch says he thinks my *Icterus formosus* is

New York July 14/80

My dear Ridgway

The specimens of *Aegialitis* came just as I was leaving the city. On an examination since my return I have concluded that the Cuban bird is distinct, & that the specimen from Merida is the ♂ of the same species. They both differ in color from all the others the Merida bird being much the lightest in color of any.

The wing of *tennisoniae* measures 3.88 - that of the Merida specimen the same - all the others are the wing from 4.10 to 4.25 - except the one from Mexico which has it the same i.e. 3.88 - but the feathers are much worn & I will not decide

about that for the present.

The tail in the Cuban bird measures 2.13 that of the one from Nevada 2.05 - none of the others measure over 1.88.

If you have no objection I would like to keep the specimens, as they may enable Prof. Allen to determine about those he had from Kansas - but he will be away for this month, & I expect to be for August - so it may be September before I can show them to him.

Do you go away this summer?
I notice you do not describe *Vireo flavescens* as new from the Bahamas - why?

What did you conclude about *Sporodinus bracei* - is not the color of the throat very different from *ricordi*'s?

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence

New York June 30 '80

My dear Ridgway -

The bird sent is, I think, surely a *Picolaptes* & a most remarkably handsome species among its plain fellows. I have nothing like ^{it} & apparently it is undescribed, it is in a very difficult family to investigate - I could not take it up immediately, & the species I could not find a description of, was *P. squamatus*, Licht. - I went to the C. P. Museum yesterday afternoon to see if there - but did not find it. you no doubt can find a description of it as it is *wagleri*, *spix* & *maculiventris*, Less. Then in Gray's *Hand List* - are *P. guttatus* & *P. ocellatus*, *Spix* - not in *Nomenclator* but they may be *Synonymus* of some

named there - as no Synonyms are given in it - it is unsatisfactory -

I cannot send it by mail until to morrow as I have to take it down to the P. O. I enclose the label, as they sometimes, will not let a bird go that has any thing on besides the name -

A few days ago I received from Dr. Gundlach the type of *Aegialitis tenuirostris* - I have two specimens from California from which it differs in measurements very decidedly, & just the same from the C. Park specimens - which are not in very good condition - I will be obliged by your lending me, some Calif^a examples females & a male - Singularly Prof. Allen had just received specimens from Kansas found breeding - they appear to differ somewhat from Calif^a ones & Prof. A. thinks may prove separable as a variety -

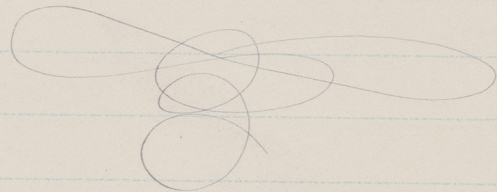
So I expect to leave town on Friday for a week - it will be in time to have them here by the 10th.

In Brit. Mus. Cat. Vol. XI. Slater restores my *Calliste versicolor* -

Cory says he had come to the same conclusion, & also that my *Turdus carolinus* was a good species.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



P.S. I would also like the specimen from Honduras I referred to ~~missa~~, & any others from Central America if you have them. - L

New York June 21st 80

My dear Ridgway

The species of *Empidonax* were all received, also the *Cyrt. sumichrasti*. I would like your opinion of the status of this and *Cyrt. ocellatus*.

Are you studying the *Odontophoria* - if so, would like to send you a specimen or two -

Do you hear anything of Gannet's success in Quatan. -

Yours truly
Geo. N. Lawrence



New York June 14th 86 -

My Dear Ridgway

Last week I received a box containing specimens from the Bahamas for which many thanks -

I was surprised at your getting new species after the explorations of Bryant, Cory & others -

As all the birds loaned are not returned I have thought it best to state what they are - though you may have intended to keep them longer - did not write sooner as I was expecting to hear from you. -

Not returned

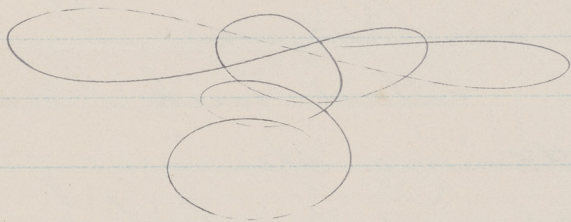
- ✓ *Cyrtonyx sinuicristatus* -
- ✓ *Empidonax pectoralis* Type
- ✓ " *griseigularis* ♂

✓ *Empidonax hammondi* ♂ City of Mexico
Sent not mine

Empidonax traillii Carlisle 1842

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York May 20th 80

My dear Ridgway —

I will be much pleased to
get the Bahama birds —

I have a *Surothera* locality
uncertain ~~uncertain~~ — which Cory
thought was *bahamensis*, but I
will be glad to have the specimen
you speak of to be sure of it. —

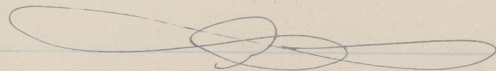
D. Kittlandi I have long wished for,
my specimens of *D. ceryle* are not
very good — You also are to send —

Spiz. Tracii — do these agree with the
type & do you think it a good species?

I have always been desirous to see
more specimens from the Bahamas —

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



Red Band
 see particulars
 I wrote him we could
 spare him some of the
 Bahama birds.
 RK

I will be most happy to have
 the promised series from the Bahamas,
 from which it has been difficult
 to get specimens - shall hope for
 a *D. kirtlandi* among them.

Yours truly

Geo. A. Lawrence

New York May 13th 186

My dear Ridgway

Yours of yesterday to hand
 I have no *Cyrtolox* agreeing with
 Gould's *ocellatus* & unfortunately
 the Type in the British Museum
 has disappeared. When I described
C. sumichrasti, I wrote Mr Gould
 as to the correctness of his description
 & plate - but got no answer.

I mentioned it to Mr Seebach when
 here - who said - I will get you an
 answer - He wrote me that Mr
 Gould "stoutly maintained that he
 had described it correctly" - But after-
 wards Mr S. wrote somewhat differently.

Salvin thought Mr Gould intended
 to have described my *sumichrasti* as
ocellatus & it has so passed - you have

a specimen so labelled, & there is one in the Amer. Mus. ~~so~~ called by Verreaux.

Salvin wrote me that I had correctly described *Sammichrasti* but the salutation of the trouble "still evaded him". I am anxious to know what he will say in *Biologia*.

I will point out the most striking differences - Gould says: "breast and abdomen sandy chestnut becoming more intense on the under tail coverts; sides of the chest & flanks transversely spotted with yellowish-white on a bluish-grey ground" &c.

In *sammichrasti* the under tail coverts are deep black; the sides of the chest & flanks are deep chestnut with black bars.

In comparing with *maessena*, he says differs "in brighter chestnut of the lower part of the abdomen" - this in *maessena* is black.

C. sallasi I have not, & suppose there is no specimen in the U. S.

I will send by Adams to morrow a Mexican specimen of *C. maessena*, & one of *C. sammichrasti*, I think from Guatemala - you have the type.

I feel much pleased that you intend giving my name to a genus - a compliment I have not had before.

I am sorry of course to lose more species - I had an intimation that *C. griseigularis* was a cadaver - but supposed *C. pectoralis* to be a valid species.

It is some satisfaction to have your opinion that with the light before me at the time I was justified in describing them, & that it was only by your large series that you have been able to determine them - hope you will let me down easily by so stating.

I am glad that you can sustain two of my species & that you think of naming one after me.

New York May 6th/80

My dear Ridgway -

Yours of the 4th received

I am glad you have undertaken Empidonax & that I can loan you some of the desired types. -

You have the types of *E. griseipectus* & *nanus* - *E. bairdii* I have never seen.

I send by Adams as follows -

E. pectoralis, L. Type

E. griseigularis, L. " "

E. fulvipectus L. " "

E. flavescens L. ♂ & ♀

E. fulvifrons, Girard

E. atriceps Salv. fur

E. minimus 2 - ♂ & ♀

E. traillii - Pan & Cartagena

E. hammondi Three

E. obscurus 1

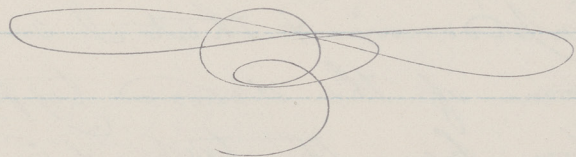
E. flaviventris Five specimens

Myiobius ? —

I wonder he did not ask you
to take up *Contopus* also —

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York April 25/80

My dear Ridgway

I am sorry my *P. meridionalis* could not be sustained, but I am very glad that its position is definitely settled.

Count Berlepsch wrote me that he had sent you for examination, a specimen of *Iache* from the 3 Marias obtained from Gomer as *I. latirostris*.

He sent it to me last fall to make a comparison ^{with} *I. magica* in Elliot's collection - but his collection was packed in boxes, & sent to a Safety Deposit Vault - where it still is -

I showed ^{it} to Elliot, who was very decided in the opinion, that it was not *magica* - which has white under tail coverts.

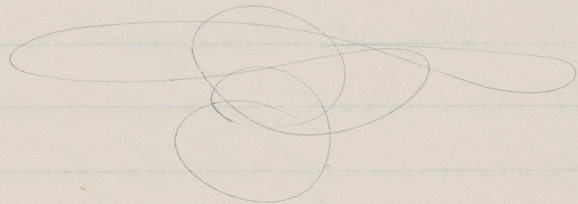
It is not *S. latirostris* & most
likely an undescribed species.

I am curious to know whether
the specimens from the 3 Marias
referred by me to *latirostris*, are
that species or the one sent you.

When determined please let me know
your opinion.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York March 20th 80

My dear Ridgway -

By Adams to morrow I will send the type of *P. meridionalis* & the fragments (bill & foot) of one killed on Long Island. —

The bill & foot were given me by Philip Brasher - he heard that a strange bird had been shot a few days before & thrown on the dirt heap - when he found it - it was too far decayed to save any more than he did. —

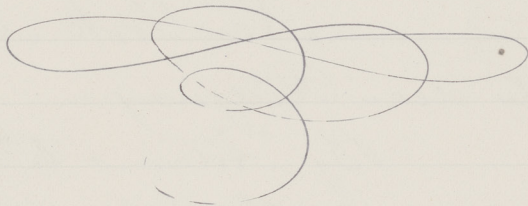
I hope you can establish it as a species -

I think the specimen of *Fregetta lawrensi* that was in the

Phil. Acad. Museum is not
there, somehow unaccountably
disappeared. —

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Feb. 5th 1888

My dear Ridgway

I wrote you a few days ago in reference to some birds from Grenada - there is one more question I wish to ask you - i.e. - whether the *Fulica* from that Island is your new species? I think Wells must have sent specimens. -

Hope I am not giving you much trouble to ^{obtain} the information I wish - for which I will be much obliged. -

Yours truly
Geo. N. Lawrence

New York Jan. 31st/88

Dear Ridgway

I have taken Well's Catalogue of the birds of Grenada in hand to get it ready for publication -

There are a few species I would like to ask you about. -

Sula leucogaster, *cyanoops* and *piscator* - are no doubt the three species found there - he calls them *Sula fiber*; - Sparrow, Red-foot Booby; and *S. piscator*, White Booby - but of these he gives no particular notes.

He has down *Podiceps holballi*, Red-back Diver - abundant at "Ile de Rhode". Perhaps it should be the Red-necked, *Colymbus holballi* - but it would be much out of its latitude -

& it is not often found abundant
any where. — I do not remember
any specimen of it being
sent — would you include it?

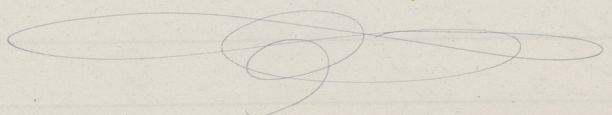
There are two ducks undeter-
mined — viz "Large Duck, twice
the size of a Teal — abundant
in October; Black Duck,
a small duck quite black, occa-
sionally found in the Sea. — I
shot a couple a few years ago —

Do you know if specimens
were sent? Sargo in one of his
letters he would do so —

If none were sent I will
put them in with his remarks.

All the other species are satisfac-
torily determined — about nearly
altogether —

Yours truly
Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Jan. 5th 1860

My dear Ridgway

I promised to send to Prof. Perez all the papers of mine that I had left, containing anything relating to Mexican birds - there appears to be only two that I have no copies of - viz List of Yucatan birds, 1869; and Descriptions of 5 New Species, 1874. -

I have sent them to your care, not being sure whether still at Washington -

I was surprised at your conclusion that the Petrel sent, was not *hastata* - perhaps may prove to be new. - It is desirable to find out the true status of *Oxyechus douglasii*.
Yours truly Geo. N. Lawrence.

New York Nov. 25/85

My dear Ridgway

I send By Adams to day
For Examination —

Procellaria meridionalis Type
Callipepla douglassi — and
Return belonging to the S. I. —

2 *Icterus formosus* ♂ & ♀ Types.

3 *S. Sclateri* 2 ♂, 1 ♀. —

Spermophila parva ♀ Type —

Spodioparus tricephalus ♂ & ♀. —

A package of extras which I will
thank you to deliver. —

You thought the ♀ of *formosus* resem-
bled a species from Perez — please let
me know the result of a comparison —

They came together & are surely
sexes of the same species, I have another
or pair just like them, & a nearly

Adult male showing some of the
olive coloring of the ♀.

Sciator is certainly wrong in
calling the ♀ that of *punctulatus*.

I hope if you have a species from
Perey to describe, you will put
it in its proper position, & sustain
S. formosus if you can.

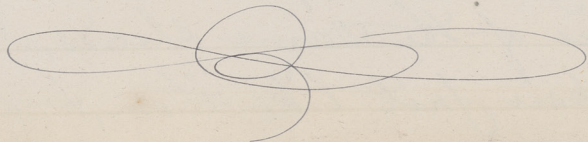
If the example of *Sciatori* mar-
ked ♀ is correct, it is certainly
a good species, i.e. *S. formosus*.

I hope you will find the ♂ some
time of *S. parva* - I waited a good
while for it - before describing.

The colors of *Sporad. bracei*
are peculiar - Mr. Brace assumed
one it had not been exposed to
fumes of acid or in any way
to affect its color.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Oct. 17th 1885

My dear Ridgway —

Yours of yesterday to hand —
I felt a little doubtful about having
an extra of the *Memirs Boston Soc. &c.*
but this afternoon found I could
send you a copy — I will forward
it on Monday also —

Schuchardt's *Birds of S. W. Mexico* —

Grayson's *3 Marias & Lacina* —

Descriptions of *N. Sp.* from Mexico &c —

Guamer wished me to ask you for
a copy of your *Cozumel Birds* — his
address is Geo. F. Guamer

Texax, Yucatan
Mexico —

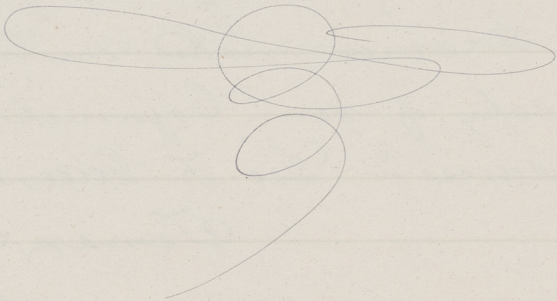
He offers 500 *Cozumel Birds* for
\$200 — wants a purchaser, but I cannot
help him —

He wants to go to some unexplored
part of Yucatan for some Institution
or person - has written also to Salvin
& Boncard - will take whoever first
agrees to his terms. - I wrote Prof.
Bird stating his wishes - but he
writes - that they "could not under-
take any new explorations or expeditions."

I have a letter from Gundlach -
again speaking of the *Aegialitis missa*
& *Parra gymnostoma*. - Sometime
ago I asked if you could spare him
specimens of them?

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Sep. 6th 1885

My dear Ridgway

The specimens of *Ceryle* and *Cardinalis* safely received - I find the *C. coccineus* I thought might be from Central Mexico came from near Vera Cruz -

I have just received from Mr. Wells, Island of Grenada a specimen of the "Trinidad Dove" - I have been trying to get for more than a year -

It seems much like your *Ternarda vinaceo-rufa* - but differs from your description somewhat - I make it to have 12 tail feathers - as both are females - a comparison will determine - I send also a specimen

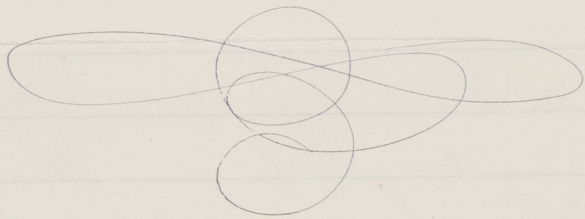
which I make to be *L. purficandus* &
though much alike, they are
clearly different, the wings & tail
of the W. I. bird are much shorter.

Will send by mail to morrow
please let me know the result of
your examination & return soon -

Give my thanks to Mr. Stejneger
for his determination of the Asiatic
birds, which I also send as a present
to the National Museum -

Yours truly

Geo. A. Lawrence

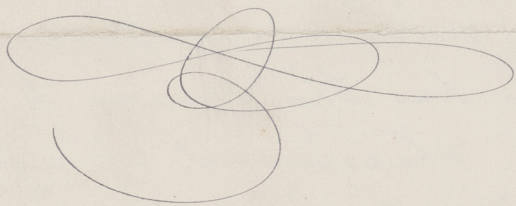


I see, in the last Ibis, Salvin
seems to want precedence in the
Columbian birds, by raising the question
as to the validity of names printed
in an extra &c. his reasoning
does not seem sound to me -
I supposed an authorized print-
ed extra was considered an actual
publication. -

Have just returned home after
a weeks sojourn on the Jersey coast.

Yours truly

Geo. W. Lawrence



My Bait
See special note
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New York Aug. 19th 85.

My dear Ridgway -

The box of birds came this
morning - for which many thanks -
pleased to get fine & undoubted speci-
mens of the 3 species. I have no
specimens of 'hollbaelli' or 'brewsteri' -
the former Brewster says plentiful
in Massachusetts - I suppose many
good birds were obtained by Turner.

I had forgotten you had my
specimen of the Iceland Falcon.

I wrote Audubon I would ask
if you could spare him a specimen
of *Parra gymnotoma* to compare
with the Cuban bird, also one (?)
of *Aegialitis virescens*, to settle

the point as to tenuirastria
being the same.

A letter from Guamer, after
a long silence, states that he
had spent 2 months in Cozumel,
collecting for Salvin - he collected
"1800 birds, 1000 plants, a number
of insects & reptiles" said he had
forwarded the birds & plants.

He says the small collection
sold to Salvin was made by a
friend of his, Mr. Davis. - Seeing
which induced Salvin to send
him to explore the Island. - says
"I was too late, the Albatross
was 3 months ahead of me" -
also writes "if they have discov-
ered 10 new species, there were
more new birds in Cozumel
in Jan'y. than in April & May.
& I captured every species seen
except one" -

He thinks the Government spent
a great deal more money in sending
the Albatross to Cozumel than if he
had been employed. -

I wrote him that it cost little
if any ~~thing~~ extra to have the
Steamer stop at Cozumel, as
she was in the Gulf for Soundings &c.

Guamer writes; "I propose to
explore a new region, where I am
sure there are new birds. & where
I will not have to play second
violin. - I desire to work the matter
up with some person or institution
who has the money to purchase
my specimens at a fair price". -

I wrote that I would lay the
matter before Prof. Baird & he had
better write him fully about it.

He says. "I expect to explore nearly
200 miles of country, never before
visited by any naturalist". -

Geo. N. Lawrence

Point Pleasant N.J.
July 12th 1885

My dear Ridgway

Your letter of the 7th was brought me to this place by my son - where we have been for about ten days, & expect to remain for this month out. I can readily imagine you would enjoy such a good long holiday, especially at home -

I will be much pleased to get such of the Turner birds as I require -

I have not heard from Gannet for some months - no doubt he was much disappointed in being suf-

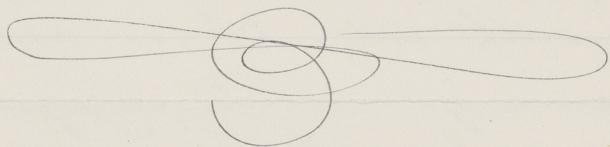
perceded in the Council matter

I saw Prof. Allen just before
I left N. Y., he seems much
interested in the affairs of the
Museum & was hard at work
among the Mammals.

We have come here to rest and
there is but little else to be done -
it seems to me like last time -
to be doing nothing -

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



Lawrence

New York May 24th /85

My dear Ridgway -

I am surprised at the number of new birds you are securing up - the S. I. seems to be a most prolific field.

I have not been at all well for the past 3 or 4 months, & consequently have done but little work.

I have not seen Prof. Allen since his advent to the Amer. Museum - he is a most important acquisition to their scientific force.

Salvin of course was much disappointed at your surpassing him in the Cozumel birds. Though really the number he loses (two)

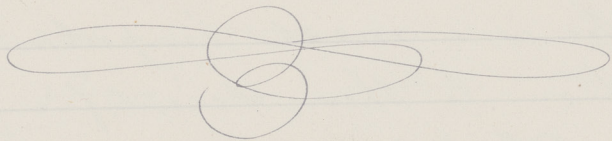
is very small - there must be an error in the number of birds said to have been sent from Cozumel, or else Salvin did not see them - as he enumerates but 20 species, mostly single specimens, he could not have had over 50 specimens for examination.

I wrote Quamer some weeks ago, but have heard nothing from him - no doubt he is disappointed at the position of things. -

Will be pleased to hear any news you may have. -

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York March 25/85

My dear Ridgway.

By Adams I have sent you
the specimens of *Oxyx* asked for - viz;
O. pectoralis, ♂ - City of Mexico -
O. cayoleos ♂ + ♀ - Mexico -
O. graysoni - ♂ " "
O. virginianus ♂ (castaneus) Iowa -
" " ♂ + ♀ (variety) Illinois

At some time return the three
specimens of the Jamaica Dove,
kindly loaned.

I was surprised to hear of the
large number of birds sent to
England from Cozumel. I think
Gramer could not have known
that a collector was there.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence.

W. M. LawrenceNew York March 18th 85

My dear Ridgway —

The box of Cozumel birds is just to hand, for which I am greatly obliged — as well as much interested in them — you hit upon a veritable bonanza — Prof. Baird wrote — "I hope we may be able to spare you a series of them" — but, do not complain — though I should have been pleased to have had others. conclude you could not spare more —

Prof. B. says you meant to anticipate Salvin — I so thought, but doubt whether he made an agreement with Gannett — if he did — he will be greatly disappointed. I have not heard from Gannett for quite a while, but expect to soon, as he said he had —

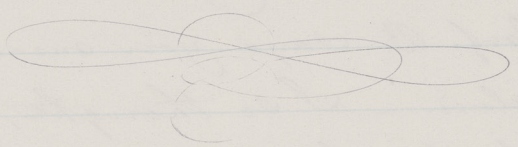
some bird to send me.

I am much obliged by your sending
the specimens of *Ceryle* - I was
especially pleased that you had a
♀ from Guadeloupe. This differs from
the females of *C. torquata*, just as
the ♂ does, viz: in the deeper color-
ing below & in having the outer
webs of the quills spotted with white.

It seems to me separable from
torquata - but I shall hold some
consultations with others - before
finally determining about it.

Yours truly

Geo. N. Lawrence



New York March 1st 1855

My dear Ridgway

I congratulate you upon such a haul of new species - not often the result from one collection - you have lost no time in getting out the descriptions - in the month following their discovery at so distant a point. That Island forms should be so distinct from those of the main Land so near by comparatively, is surprising.

Mr. Guirner will be much disappointed at your getting ahead of him, - as he wished to go there.

I have been desirous of seeing the Kingfisher, *C. torquata* from Gaudeloupe - & have now got a specimen. It is not found in the other Islands & I wished

to compare it with specimens from the Mainland. Young Colandean writes me it is very rare & hard to secure. he has seen but 3 in two years though he hunted a great deal for them. - it breeds there. -

The specimen is a ♂ & compared with two from Panama, differs as follows: the color below is much deeper, & instead of becoming lighter on the abdomen is more intense in color - there is no white on the lower abdomen, but is there & also on the under tail coverts closely barred. the under wing coverts are largely blotched with cinnamon, in my specimens white. The quills are black (instead of dark brown) & the outer webs are spotted with white - not as in the others. The spot of light horn color at the base of the upper mandible is wanting &c.

If you have a good series of *C. torquata* will you please see if the differences hold good - or will send it on, if you think best.

There seems a fair chance of its being distinct - especially as it is so isolated. -

I have been at home for about 3 weeks with a cold & not much in trim for bird work.

Yours truly
Geo. N. Lawrence



New York Jan. 20th 85

My dear Ridgway

By Adams to day I return
the 15 Parts of Biologia & Plates,
kindly lent me - for so doing
please accept my thanks.

I have read it with much
interest, & should have returned
it sooner - but wished to take
some notes from it - which
I could not find the time to do.
He is not much in favor of
trinomials, & I think rules out
sub species rather freely.

Please advise me if any thing
of special interest occurs with
you -

Yours truly
Geo. N. Lawrence