

"Bowerwood House"
St Botolph's Road,
SEVENOAKS, Kent.

March 7. 51.

Dear Mr Racey,

Thank you for your letter of February 28th., which I was pleased to receive.

I am of course interested to exchange with you, and the male Hooded Merganser would be a welcome addition to my series. I can supply both males and females adult of Aythya marila, ~~Aythya~~ Melanitta fusca, Melanitta nigra, of Aythya nyroca and Netta rufina. I have no spares, and as far as Anas querquedula is concerned I shall have to see what specimens I possess.

The trouble is that, if you remember I was not able to meet you as regards recently collected specimens. Those that I have to dispose of are good specimens nevertheless.

Perhaps you will kindly let me have your comments upon this point before I look through the boxes, which I keep sealed up, in which I store my spare series.

Yes I had a very pleasant time in Sweden, but would rather have been there on a collecting trip.

I have been very busy getting my typescript on the Birds of Kent finalised, and should be through with this in the next two weeks, one of the two volumes is already in page proof, so the work ought to be out this fall.

Of the other species mentioned in yours I would be interested in the Harlequin, also Bonapartes Sandpiper and Tringa incana incana.

Yours sincerely,