

Port Hardy Airport
Vancouver Island, B.C.
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Dear Dr. Harrison:

Your letters of April 1st 27th & May 1st have been forwarded to me at this point & needless to say I was much pleased to hear from you.

As soon as I return to Vancouver which will be about the middle of June, I will forward to you a parcel of bird specimens.

I look forward, with much interest to the arrival of the Garganey & Common Scoters & to compare the latter with the race found on this coast.

I have had a fairly successful collecting trip & have put up something better than a hundred specimens and have succeeded in filling in some blank spaces & series for my collection & among these a nice series of Black Brant. I have not been so fortunate with the Aleutian Sandpipers and Wandering Tattlers & was only able to collect one of the former & it was not in breeding plumage. The weather during the month of April & early May was altogether too fine, bright days & clear nights with a northwester wind - ideal for the migrating waders & they went through without the usual stop over.

Yes, I would be very pleased to have a specimen of Alca torda.

When I return home I must write to Messrs. Witherby regarding a copy of your book.

With kind personal regards
Sincerely yours

Kenneth Raus