

Dear Dr. Harrison;-

I have been intending writing for some time to thank you for your letter of May ~~18th~~. 18th. and for the parcel containing the *Bucphala*, *Tadorna* and *Burhinus*. All nice specimens and all of which I am very glad to have. The Stone Curlew is of particular interest to me, never having had the opportunity before of examining one of this race. I note that the white circular spot on the side of the head of your Goldeneye is much smaller than that of our local bird. I wonder if this is consistent.

Your letter of July 4th. has recently come and I sincerely hope that you and the boys may have a very happy and successful collecting trip through France & Spain. Do you ever use very fine brass wire for snaring? Sometimes it is very effective and above all is silent. Years ago I used both a catapult and a Micmac bow and arrows, these latter were long, smooth and with a heavy blunt end and many a bird and squirrel fell to them. In bygone days the Indians used this type of arrow for shooting Willow Grouse and Hares for the pot. Now the .22 has replaced to bow.

Yes, When the ducks again come south I will make up a sample of two for you prepared for mounting and will be glad of your comments on their suitability.

In answer to your questions I would like specimens of the following.

- ✓ *Fulica atra*.
- ✓ *Crux crux* F.
- ✓ *Falco tinunculus* F.
- Calidris maritima*.
- Charadrius h. hiaticula*.

✓ And as for the small passerines I would be glad of a good specimen of ad. male *Emberiza s. schoeniceus* in bright spring plumage. In fact I would like examples of all your *Emberiza* with the exception of the Yellow Bunting and the Snow Finch of which I have ample series.

Here is a fresh list of some of my desiderata,

Mergus m. merganser rough skinned and boraxed will be okay.

Mergus albellus F.

✓ *Aythya ferina* M. F. ✓

Netta rufina

Pyrhocorax c. pyrrhocorax.

Pastor roseus.

Oriolus o. oriolus.

Coccothraustes c. c.

Chloris c. chloris.

Carduelis c. citrinella from anywhere.

Any of the Redpolls except the Lesser.

Carduelis f. pipilans.

Lullulo a. arborea.

Eremophila s. flava.

Any of the Pipits except the Tree Pipit.

Tichodroma muraria from anywhere.

Carduelis c. cannabina.

Serinus c. serinus.

Carpodacus e. erythrinus from anywhere.

Loxia c. curvirostra.

" *scotica*.

" *pytopsittacus*.

" *l. bifasciata*.

Fringilla montifringilla

Galerida c. cristata from anywhere.

This is rather a formidable list, but some of them may be available.

My son-in-law, Dr. Ian. M. Cowan, my daughter and the two children have recently gone to Edinburgh. Cowan who is Prof. of Zoology here in the U.B.C. is doing research work and is attached to the University of

Edinburgh for one year.

This has been a rather tough spring and summer and I could not make the contemplated trip up north, but may be able to make it next month.

Please ask David if there are any mammals he would like from British Columbia and if there are to please send a list of his desiderata.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Racey

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P.S.

Since writing the above the parcel containing the Bohemian Waxwing and the Little Gull has come. Many thanks. They are most interesting and I will examine them with great interest.

^{K.R.}
Please let me know if there are any small birds passerine
or otherwise you desire other than the few mentioned
in former letters. *K.R.*

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