

"Bowerwood House"

St Botolph's Road,  
SEVENOAKS, Kent.

Dear Mr Racey,

I am glad to say that I have now got the Birds of Kent off my hands, and that in consequence I am rather more free.

I fancy that I must have mislaid a letter of yours in which you say that you would like some Plectrophenax nivalis; this is not a species which often comes my way, but I have quite a number of winter taken examples which were sent to me a few years ago by the late Foster Stubbs, who was by way of being quite a celebrated Lincolnshire wild-fowler. If you would like some of these I will be happy to do a parcel up for you. When replying would you care to let me hear if there are any other species I might be able to send you.

There is one request that I am much hoping that you may be able to help me over. I am wanting a few specimens of Anas penelope but only adult males collected in high latitude localities, do you think you could manage to acquire some for me? I would be most grateful to you if you could.

We had David Home for fourteen days from the Middle East, he returned back last Friday. He has been collecting some very interesting specimens, both mammals for himself and birds for us. He has also had some exciting times one way and another, and narrowly missed being murdered by an Omanese levy, who was being arrested on a disciplinary charge. David had only three weeks before contracted a mild attack of bacillary dysentery and was in consequence flown out of the fort at Buarimi, his successor, a friend of his, the Commanding Officer, a British N.C.O. all being shot dead, and another N.C.O. wounded; not a very good business. Buarimi is a quite isolated outpost in the tip of Trucial Oman, and David was only the 8th, white man to be resident there during the present century. He is now back in Habbanniya and has one more year to do there to finish his National Service.

Please excuse more for the time being, and do let me know at your earliest whether you would like the Snow-Buntings.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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VANCOUVER, -14, B.C.  
CANADA.

(1) Coturnix chinensis ♀ 20.x.1911  
Winchelsea ♂ x N.F.T.

(2) Sagopus notatus ♂  
26.viii.1913 Fashnake  
ex C.M.-P.

(3) Pardus pardus ♀ Nov. 1913  
Ormeau Ryepton ♂ ex C.M.-P.

(4) " ♂ 6.i.1900.  
E.W. Hunt. ♂ x. ex C.B.T. N.F.T.