

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD
DENVER

Jun 20-17

Dr. Casey A. Wood
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor: -

I am greatly obliged to you, and
sincerely for your "Funda Oculi" - It's a
splendid piece of work; it appeals to
me not only as a physician but also
as an ophthalmologist of forty-year
experience - I was especially glad
that you suggested the fundus as a
character to use in taxonomy. I
take pleasure in sending you, under
another cover, a little book of mine
which came from the press last
week - I think it will interest you

Sincerely yours

W. H. Bergtold

1159 Roece Ave.
Durango, Colo.,
April 29/18

Dr. Robt Ridgway
Olney, Ill.

Dear Doctor:—

This is but a note to say that you
ought not to be taken so much time to
write about the "Incubation study". I am
trying to get back those which did not
reach the addressee— I know you have
your hands full with mess, and proof, and I
always hesitate a long time with the thought
of disturbing you— Best wishes— your DA Beagle,

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD
DENVER

1159 Race St.,

April 20-1918

Dr. Robt. Ridgway,
Olney, Ill.

My dear Doctor: -

I am very grateful to you for your reply of April 17th, and its useful information. I have enough material here, in skins from Colorado, to settle the question of the distribution of the two subspecies of *Corvus*, but I would like to make my discussion more complete by incorporating the post data.

You may be surprised to learn that so far, I have not found a single record of *Corvus b. b.* or *c. b. h.* occurring in Colorado, based on a skin determination - all so far, both

been based on regional diagnoses, &
shall write to Dr. Richmond and will
say it is at your suggestion if you
don't mind.

I took pleasure, a year ago, in
sending copies of my study of Mentation
to several of my A.O.U. friends; some
seem to have gone astray, and I
am trying to trace them - Will you
help me just a little to let me know
if you can recall the copy addressed
to you? With respects, and best
wishes I am

Ours truly,

W. B. Blythe.

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD
DENVER

1159 Race St.,

April 10 - 1915

Dr. Robert Ridgway,
Olney, Ill.

Dear Doctor:—

I really hate to take a single moment of your time, knowing the magnitude of the task you are ^{now} working on, yet I know of no one else who can answer my question — Perhaps you can get one of your young associates to give me the information — I am interested in and studying the distribution of the crow in Colorado — Have you ever seen a skin of heaperis from Colorado? — How many of the ^{23 skins} (Buds n+m.am) of heaperis used in your study of the subspecies, from Colorado? — Did you range the western records from Colorado and elsewhere under heaperis

presence of a geographical diagnosis, rather
than from skin determinations? I
am unable to find any one here
who has made a diagnosis of
Hesperis from a bird taken in
Colorado. — While I will be ex-
tremely grateful to you for any
information you may give me on
these points, I do want you to
desist from this letter entirely if it be
the least bother to answer it —

What I want to know is "Do
you know of a Hesperis having been
taken in Colorado"!

I hope my need that you are
well, and not working too hard.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Bayliss,

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD
DENVER1159 Race B.,
June 9-16Dr. Robt Ridgway,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor: —

I want to thank you for the copy of Part VII — Bull. 50, just received — Each time I consider this work & those areas that ornithologists, pure, and amateur, ought to be very thankful that you can put your splendid experience and knowledge in such shape —

I hope all goes well with you and yours — With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Bergtold,

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD
DENVER

1159 Race St.

Nov. 25-15

Dr. Robt Ridgway,
Olney, Ill.

Dear Dr. Ridgway: -

I feel chagrined and guilty that my letter caused you to take so much time, and write so fully in the classification of birds -

I appreciate your willingness to take time when you have to much to do, and I wish I could reciprocate - you must not let me (or any one else) be a bother! - I just wanted to get your ideas as to what might reflect the up to date ideas of classification, for I have them in your No. & third. Am. Birds, but it is not yet complete; and ^{hence} does not include all the world; I just wanted a word from you, for I am, in a quiet way, trying to grow in my bird knowledge, and I love in my professional work - with many thanks and best wishes - I am cordially yours
W. H. Bergtold

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD
DENVER

1154 Rose St.

Nov. 13-15

Dr. Robt Redgrave,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor:—

If you have a spare moment (or even if you are too busy), would you drop me a line and tell me what classification you think embodies the most advanced ideas as to bird taxonomy?

I am anxious to study one — in connection with some points in bird physiology, and would like to get one which would give the families and order — Of course I have Sclow's as given in The Encyc. Brit - 4th Ed. XII (under birds), but it does not give the families in the Passer group — And I have Knowlton's "Birds of the World" but I do not know how his arrangement stacks a man like yourself. If you

would, you might tell me how nearly
Knowlton's arrangement meets your
ideas — I am quite trapped here
by the lack of literature, in such bird
studies as I try to make, and am
so far away from the authorities in
these matters that I simply have to
get some one to help me, and you
for him mind if you, to I hope I
don't presume — This request —
I will not write I am,

Cordially yours,

W. A. Brewster.

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD,
DENVER610 Metropolitan Bldg.,
January 24-1912Prof. Robt. Ridgway,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I want, first of all, to thank you for your kindly offices which caused me to receive Vol. V of your N. & M. Amer. Birds - It's a monumental work, and I don't see how you can get so much done together with your other work - Don't one do for it doesn't pay!

You ought to have a mighty satisfaction in the volumes so far published, for they certainly reflect great credit, not only because of your industry, but more because of the completeness of the work - Don't waste your breath on critics who want more so called "ology"! It's non-existent - my mind - ^{accept-} Please, my renewed assurance of thanks and my good wishes for your health -
Sincerely yours, W. H. Bergtold

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD,
DENVER

1159 Race St.,

January 27th., 1911.

Dr. Robert Ridgway,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor;-

An extreme press of medical work has prevented my answering your extremely kind and courteous letter of Dec., 29th.

I want first of all to say to you that I had no idea whatever that my letters would have caused you so much trouble, and that I feel very grateful to you for all the trouble you took in the matter. I am glad to say to you that I have a full set of Bul. No. 50, including all parts issued including No. 4, and of course what I am anxious to get is No. 5 when it is issued. In order not to miss getting a copy of part 5, I was anxious to be sure to learn if a mistake had been made in mailing me a copy of part 4. I ^{now} send back the copy of part 4 with this, but under another cover, and I thank you particularly for your goodness in offering to let me have parts from your private quota.

I took pleasure in mailing to you last year, the last ^{extra} copy I had of A List of the Birds of Buffalo and Vicinity, which I published in 1888. Perhaps you did not receive it, and if one would be of interest to you I will try to hunt up another copy.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Bergtold,

DR. W. H. BERGTOLD,
DENVER

1159 Race St.,

December 22nd., 1910.

Dr. Robert Ridgway,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor;

Through the good offices of my friend, Mr. Earnest Knaebel of the Department of Justice, I learn that you have been kind enough to put me on the list for Bulletin No. 50. I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Part Four (4), which came today. I regret to say that I already possess a copy of part four, and ask if you desire me to return this copy of Part Four, as some one else might be glad to have it. Perhaps the sending of part four to me, was an office error, the intent being to mail me Part Five. I shall be glad to dispose of this volume of Part Four according to your instructions, to be received.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Bergtold,