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Prof. J. M. Dawson

Dear Sir:

Prof. Agassiz has received your letter and specimens of Sticklebacks from Mr. Carpenter, and has handed them over to me to look up - They are quite valuable and interesting, and two of them are I think as yet undescribed -

The specimens are as follows

- The 10 spined species is the S. occidentalis of DeKay which is the S. DeKayi of Agassiz (Lake Superior) This latter name is its proper one -
 - The 5 spined is a new species as far as I can make out. It is very near to the S. quadraeus of Cuvier - We have this species in our waters -
 - The 2 spined is the S. biaculeatus of Mitchell, not of Cuvier, which is the S. Cuvieri of Girard -
 - The large black species with 6 spines, the one which you called in the drawing S. gymnetus, is a new species, which I have never seen before. It is very near to the S. millepunctatus of Agassiz, but he has only given us such a miserable description of it that his species will probably never be received or recognized -
- It will be some time before our catalogue of

the *Losterostei* is published, and I would therefore
advise you to publish a description of this species.
You write that you could send us some specimens
of it, and of others, they would be very acceptable
to us as we have very few of the northern sticklebacks,
and your specimen of *S. gymnetus* is the only one
I have ever seen of that species.

We would like much to get a large number of
each species if you could get them for us.

The *Leucisci* of which you speak would be
very valuable to us, and we would like much
to get them, as well as any other of the
fresh water fishes of the ~~Canada~~, as we have
very few specimens from any part of Canada -

Respectfully yours

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