Ridgway Collection

Clark Univ. Worcester, Mass.
March 1. 92

Dear Mr. Ridgway

I send you to-day by express two boxes containing small land-birds from the Galapagos Islands. I shall write to Mr. Adams to send you the other skins, and the notes on the different specimens. One box containing other small birds has unfortunately been lost on the way, probably at Panama, and so far no trace of it has been found. Fortunately I have alcoholic specimens of all, with exception of the Nesomimus from Barrington and a single specimen of ~~Certo~~ Camarhynchus which I preserved. I shall send you the alcoholic specimens in a short time and also my notes on the birds.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

L. Beebe

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Clark Univ. Worcester, Mass. Dec. 12. 91.

Galapagos

Dear Mr. Ridgway

I should like to ask you whether you would like to work up the Birds of the Galapagos collected by Mr. C. F. Adams and myself. There are about 600 skins prepared by Mr. Adams and about the same number of land-birds in alcohol. I think we have everything that has ever been collected, and considerably more. Nesomimus we found extinct on Charles and Duncan, but numerous on Barrington, Jervis, Tower, Bindloe.

I think I have the solution of the Geospiza question.

In not a single case we found more than 3 species on an island.

I believe that when all the islands were still in connection there existed already three species of Geospiza a small a middle and a large species. Each of these developed differently on the different islands. In some cases all 3 species are found in others one has become extinct. Each of these original species, varies on the different islands more or less, or not at all, just like Neomimus.

During our presence on the islands I observed only once a land bird on the sea, it was a Dendroica about one-two miles from Barrington.

The genera Cactornis and Camarhynchus have to be considered like Geospiza.

That Creagrus is a very common bird you probably have heard already from Mr. Adams, also that we got over 40 species of Birds from S. Albemarle.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

G. Baur.

Nov. 12. 90.

I have just received a set of your valuable papers, please accept my best thanks.

G. B.

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CLARK UNIVERSITY,
WORCESTER, MASS. Nov. 11. 90

R. Ridgway, Esq.
Curator dep't. Birds

Dear Mr. Ridgway

I am much obliged to you for giving me the reference of Nesocoeyx, which I only knew from Wallace. I had not seen the voyage of the "Challenger", but other accounts; they all speak about the wonderful vegetation and many birds.

This is certainly an interesting spot.

Yours very truly

G. Dall.

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Clark University, Worcester, Mass.
Nov. 6. 90.

Dear Mr. Ridgway

I should be much obliged to you for copies of any of your papers on Birds of Mexico, Lower California, Central America and the Islands of the West-Coast. I am collecting all the material possible of a fauna and flora of the Islands on the W^n Coast of America. Do you know whether anything has been published on the Birds of Cocos Island. I have only the records of the Buccaneers, Morrell and Belcher, Belcher and Morrell also speak about Clipperton: „Shrubbery and coarse

grass", covered with sea-birds „ gulls, boobies, frigate pelican, yannets, terns."
also a few small land birds.
I do not know of any scientific descrip-
tion of the fauna and flora of Clipperton,
unless there is something published
in Vol. III. Calif. Acad. Science by
W. Hayden Pease, which I do not have.
There is an other island Malpelo
between Galapagos and Penama of
which nothing seems to be known.
The Tres Marias are certainly
a former part of the continent.
and I do not see any reason why
not the others; the absence of mammals
is no reason; they are absent on
small islands, continental or oceanic.

Since
Why are present: as in the Comoro-Isl, which doubtless
form a part of Madagascar; Mr. Wallace must also think
of an accidental immigration, what he really does.
There is a group of islands, each of which has an
absolutely kammonian flora and fauna, and which
all together form a single kammonian system; I can
only explain this by the aboriginal violence. Hemp.
The principle thing is to examine the different groups
of islands fully; this has not been done with a single
one.

Yours Very Truly
A. Bary.