Bowdler Sharpe Collection

12-10-0 Lyrurus Mlokosiewiczi Males
34-1-0 Females & Shells

32 DRUMSHEUGH GARDENS
EDINBURGH

March 1st

My dear Dr Sharpe -

I am sending you a skin sent to me as Surya Cinnyris pulchella. It was shot from the nest in the Fronties at Thull. It is not near anything else that I can make out in the description in the Fauna of British India birds makes no mention of the co-

spicuous white band on the
tail - the middle feathers are
also not as described. It is a
single specimen so I'd like
it back if you don't mind.
I've not been in town for
nearly two years & don't quite
see when I'm to manage it
but perhaps on my way back
from fishing in Norway I'll
get a chance. I suppose Ogilvy
Grant has been doing a lot
in the Doctor Expedition.
It is quite unworked. Is it
not? With good wishes

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. Davidson

Bowdler Sharpe Collection

18-21 Haymarket

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Nov 28th.

My dear Sharpe,

Since writing to you
I came on the descriptions of the
larvae of T. clamans & T. eucharis.
They differ somewhat from what I sent
but only from memory. I therefore
send you a copy for miss Sharpe.

Would you kindly get the two
birds I am sending you from Cameron
Mound. I hate troubling you to send
them to Eagle Clarke but am not

satisfied with his opinion.

The first is a hobby of sorts which with great doubt I decided was desultor. It was in a large flock migrating & might have been Cuculus which occasionally leaves Europe at that time. I thought the birds however too big for Cuculus. I shot it one Evening and they were all similar.

The 2nd is a warbler which Eagle Clarke says is a Phylloscopus acredula.

This seems to me absurd. I thought I knew Phylloscopus well. I took 20 of the nests in Keswick & I have seen it off & on all my time in Scotland. It has (unless I am a ——— or fool than I believe anyone to be) a much longer bill.

This bird I originally took for Sylvia cinerea but now it seems most to resemble Curruca cinerea. Please let me know what it is. The noted bustles vary in numbers.

Apologizing for troubling you

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. Davidson

James Davidson.

Bowdler Snarpe Collection

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29 March.

My dear Dr Sharpe -

Thanks for your letter. It was a shame my bothering you but I could not make out the bird and wanted to know what it was. I am going to Forde so I shall be a good bit further South than you and barring having to fish expect to enjoy myself immensely. It is a fine bird

there do every thing will be
well. With kind wishes
Believe me
Yours sincerely
J. Duncan