Bowdler Sharpe Collection

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Dear Mr. Sharpe!

I received your favor of the 14th inst & was very glad to hear from you.

In swallows I have the following

10/- Stelgidopteryx serripennis 1♂ 1♀ & 2 yng from Presidio Sinaloa Mexico

10/- Progne purpurea 2♂ in immature plumage 1 older than the other from California

16/- Hirundo thalassina 2♂ 1♀ from Presidio

" " 1♂ 1♀ from California

15/- " " 1♂ 1♀ from Vancouver Island I may also have a Stelgidopteryx or two in Alcohol at least I think so. I return to California in a couple of months & can procure you some California species. In Wrens I have 2 or 3 Thryothorus felix Scl from Mazatlan & a couple of T. lawrencii from the Tres Marias which you probably have not got also a species of Troglodytes from the high plains of Mexico.

I enclose my bird list in which you may probably find some species you would like of those marked with a cross I have Skeleton & those underlined can be had in Alcohol.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Alfonso Forrer.

I was very sorry not to meet you in England & hope to have better luck next time. I return to the West Coast of America shortly.