Ridgway Collection

20. f. '16.

THE POPLARS,
KETTERING.
England.

Dr. R. Ridgway

Dear Sir

Mr. Ogilvie Grant of the Brit. Museum has given me your address & suggested my offering to you a collection of Quadrian birds which I recently made in that country. It consists of about 1.200 skins. All are in absolutely first class condition. No poor or soiled ones among them. They were collected at a lower altitude than 6.000 ft. All are labelled with the proper data &. most families are represented.

At present they are at the Brit. Museum & they are very disappointed there not to be able to purchase them, & that they should leave the country, but owing to the war they have no funds at their disposal to do so. Nor do they know when they are likely to have any after the war.

I am asking £300 for the lot

Lord Rothschild has offered £250 for part, but I would rather sell them as a whole.

If you should obtain the offer I shall be pleased

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to give you any further particulars or to send you samples from them or I am sure my friend Mr. Ogden would be glad to answer any inquiries respecting them

I am Sir
Yours faithfully
Walter Goodfellow

Bowdler Sharpe Collection

26 Nelson Road.
Mar. 25th 1905. Southsea.

Dear Dr. Sharpe.

Dr. Sclater wishes to exhibit the Myiadestes (the black bird with white shoulders) at the meeting tomorrow night. I fear I cannot drive in town, in time to come to the museum and fetch it. In case I do not, might I trouble you to do me so great a favour, as to bring it to the meeting!

I am sorry it has turned out not to be a new bird after all.

With kind regards

Yours very faithfully

Walter Goodfellow.