Ridgway Collection

Brewer Maine 9 June 1898

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Dear Sir

I have a
humming bird which I bought of C.F. Wattson
for a Florida humming bird, taken in 1884. As I
had no other for comparison I did not
question its identity. Lately my daughter
was reading up on birds, and found that it
differed from any known kind, and I sent it
to Mr Brewster who says it differs from any he
has ever seen and has asked me to send it
to you. He thinks it must be some European
variety but has only U.S. for comparison
A letter from Mr Wattson today, says that
while he cannot offer 14 years say positively who
he had it of, he is sure that he never has
handled one from Europe. He says that about that
date he had considerable material from you, and
also from a Mr Greenwood among it a large

lot of Florida Skins collected there by Mr Greenwood himself- Would you be willing to identify the birds and if so could you be in Washington for such an

Very Truly Yours

Mary Hardy