Bowdler Sharpe Collection

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Rockingham Hall.
Hagley.
Worcestershire.

4th Nov., 1907.

Dear Dr. Sharpe,

I wonder whether you will be so kind as to help me with "a bit of identification".

A youngster in Cape Colony has got me a pair of eggs; the bird he describes as follows:—

"That blue Eagle I mentioned to you in previous letters,— I have found its nest, containing two eggs, about the size of fowls eggs and coloured just the same as Kestrels eggs. But I dont think the bird is an Eagle as it is not large enough. It is slightly smaller than a Jackal Buzzard (Buteo Jackal) of a sky blue (!) colour, with the border of its wings darker, or black; the point of its

its tail black, the black is on the inside of its tail and wings.
The nest was built on a Kranz".

It is not a very powerful description (!) however, knowing so much about African birds, you will most probably be able to give me the name.

Trusting I am not trespassing too much on your kindness, and with hearty regards,

Believe me

Sincerely Yours

Bertram B. Lupp.

Dr Bowdler Sharpe.

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Mass. Audubon
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Rockingham Hall.
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28th April, 1907

Dear Dr Sharpe,

I am wondering whether the bird I am sending you will be of any use to the Museum, as I fancy it is uncommon.

It was shot near here by a Gamekeeper, who sent it to me to identify.

I believe it may be a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (Picus minor.)

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Bertram Dupp.