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Orig. sent to
Mrs. C. Brown
July 15

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Dear Mr. Stejneger:

I have shipped to-day (July 8) a tank containing Reptiles and Batrachians for your department, to be included in your report of the Mexican Boundary Collections. All were taken at Ft. Clark, Kenney Co., Texas except a soft-shelled and box turtle (Cistudo), which I got at Ft. Hancock, Texas, June 28, 1893.

(Signed) E. A. Mearns.

Pasadena, Cal.
Aug. 4, '97.

Dr. E. A. Mearns,
Dear Sir:

Mr. Richmond of the National Museum has informed me that you are about to describe the new Shrike from San Clemente Island. I was there this spring and obtained 4 specimens, 2 adult ♀♀ & 2 juveniles, which you are welcome to, if you want them to help your series out, with. Kindly let me know at your earliest, and I will send them to you. You need not return them until you are ready, as they would only be packed away here.

Yours
Joseph Grinnell,
572 N. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena
Cal.

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4-20-98

Dr Edgar A Mearns

My dear Sir.

Your of 14th inst received yesterday and I have packed my 10 Island Shrikes and send them by mail tomorrow. I would be willing to exchange a shrike for a nice fresh pair Massena. quail to mount. I cannot locate Kinney Co on my small map of Texas so do not know if you are in their range or not. If not southern ^{skins} hawks, White tailed etc, or Pygmy Owl, or Woodpecker will be satisfactory, should like them fresh as I mount most of my private collection. You can select any one of the skins except those marked $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ etc which are parents of eggs I collected. If you found the birds as wild as I did suppose you have but small series, they were the wildest land birds I ever saw by far.

Hoping they arrive safely

Very truly

R. B. Beck

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6, 1898

Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, U. S. A.
St. Clark
Texas.

Dear Dr. Mearns:

I have just compared your type of Canis ludovicianus anthonyi with the type of So. l. gambeli and am now prepared to answer, in part, the queries contained in your letter of the 28th ult.

The type of So. l. anthonyi is a much darker and less brownish gray above than that of So. l. gambeli; has the under parts more decidedly grayish laterally and lacks the brownish wash so conspicuous in all typical specimens of gambeli; also has less white on wing and tail, though the latter character is quite variable, as you no doubt know. The type

of Zambeli furthermost has white upper tail-coverts, as do most examples of that form, ~~and~~ as does also the young San Clemente specimen collected by you. The latter agrees otherwise with the Sta. Cruz bird, and unless a large series should show that Sta Cruz birds all have ^{or most all} ~~white~~ ^{gray} upper tail-coverts which all ^{or majority of} those from San Clemente have white upper tail-coverts, I would consider them the same.

One specimen ^{of a series} from Pasadena agrees in every respect with your bird from Sta. Cruz, and therefore it seems the island birds occasionally straggle to the mainland.

Now as to Carpodacus: I have ^{for several months} had a series separated into lots corresponding to geographic areas, for measurement, but Mr. Riley, who is now doing my measuring, has not reached them. He is now at work on Spiza, and when he is through with that genus will put him on Carpodacus frontalis. Until these measurements are made I am unable to give you a definite opinion regarding the matter, but I do not believe that any difference

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worth taking account of will be found between Texan and
Californian specimens.

As soon as the measurements have been made ^{and averaged} I
will carefully compare specimens and let you know the
result without delay.

Hoping that everything is going well with you
I am

Very truly yours
A. Ridgway
Curator, Division of Birds.