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61 BRATTLE ST.,  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

*Sturnella neglecta*, Victoria B.C. Nov. 13, 1891

*Perisoreus obscurus*, Cascade Mts B.C. July 19, 1891

*Cypseloides niger* Chilliwack " " June 20, 1890

*Picoides a. alascensis*, 49th Par. Wash. Sept 8, 1891

*Sphyrapicus ruber* Chilliwack B.C. Mar. 22, 1899

*Ceophloeus pileatus* " " Sept 30, 1887

*Accipiter velox* " " Jan. 7, 1891

*Falco r. gyrfalco* Sumas Prairie Feb 14, 1890

*Dendragapus o. fuliginosus*, Cascade Mts. July 18, 1891

*Troglodytes carolinus* Senses " 5, "

*Fulica americana* Chilliwack Mar. 21, "

*Brach. marmoratus* Victoria Nov. 15, "

*Cephus columba* Burrard Inlet Feb 29, 1899

Allan Brooks. A. Brooks.

W. E. Brooks. A. Brooks

1889

Please fill out the enclosed and return to

Mr. Brewster 145 Brattle St, Cambridge, Mass., Mar. 30, 1899.

145 BRATTLE STREET,  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

January 24, 1910

Dear Mr. Brooks:-

I am taking my first opportunity to look up and re-examine the birds you enquired about in your letter of Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, received about a week ago. It is no light task for the specimens are scattered through my entire collection and I cannot trust my original determinations, so many changes in status, names etc. have been made since these birds were received and catalogued. I have spent the whole of to-day on them and am some half-way through with the work. There will be a few points, I fear, on which I cannot give

I will enclose the list with this sheet, when I mail it. Yours sincerely William Brewster.

your definite decisions - for lack  
of adequate material for comparison,  
in most cases. If your time  
will admit of such delay I  
will send the doubtful specimens  
to Washington for Mr. Ridgway  
or Mr. Osborn to pass upon.  
There will not be many of them  
in any case. I am getting  
a bit rusty about some of the  
fine distinctions or rather I  
have not kept up with all the  
more recent separations and  
never know how to work them out  
afresh. This is not difficult  
when my series supply the right  
material for comparison but when  
they do not I am boggled for the  
time. I never rely on book  
descriptions in such cases and such  
opinions as I shall express positively  
will represent conclusions which  
I shall be ready to stand by.

January 25, 1910.

Report on birds collected in  
British Columbia by G. C. Brooks.

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Larus occidentalis

no specimen of this. Of Gulls as large as  
it or larger you send me only argentatus  
and glaucescens.

No. 121

Cat. nos.Branta c. occidentalis

- 46178, ♂ ad. Sumas Lake, April 9, 1895.  
46179 " " " " " 24 "  
47105-♂ " " Oct. 31, 1896.  
47104 - " " April 16, 1895.

nos. 46179 and 47105 are typical  
no 46178 is fairly typical in every respect.  
" 47104 is typical in respect to mottlings  
of head & neck but its under parts  
are as light colored as in extreme  
specimens of true canadensis

Falco rusticolus

- 48385, ~~48385~~, Sumas Prairie, Feb. 14, 1890.  
(not quite typical (a trifle too dark) but  
much nearer to this form than to any other.)

Falco r. gyrfalco

- 47132, ♀ ad Sumas Lake, Nov. 15, 1898  
47133, ♀ " " Feb. 1, 1896  
(Both typical specimens)

Chordeiles virginianus

45597. ♀ juv. Chilliwack, Aug 8, 1891

45598- ♀ ad. " " Sept 3, 1889.

Both specimens are almost perfectly matched by several of my eastern skins (New England ones) Hence I have little or no hesitation in calling them virginianus. They certainly are not henryi or sementii. It is possible they may be hesperis (of which I have no representation) but if so I fail to see how hesperis can be separated from virginianus. Mr. Grinnell's description indicates that these two forms are very nearly alike & I cannot help suspecting that the one he has named (hesperis) is not really worth recognizing.

Trochilus alleni

You have sent me only T. rufans (3 specimens)

Otocoris a. merrilli.

45579. ♀ ad. Chilliwack March 4, 1888.

47892 ♂ Okanagan July 13, 1897

(Both these are typical merrilli of which I have no large series from the type locality)

Otocoris a. strigata?

45575 ♂ - Sumas Lake - Oct. 22, 1881

45576 ♀ " " " 29, 1891

45577 ♀ " " " " "

45578 ♀ " " " " "

44680 ♀ " " " 7 "

47399 . " " Sept 25, 1896

These are certainly not merrilli. I think (but am by no means sure) that they are strigata. Of this form I have only a few specimens & these not in places comparable with those of Sumas Lake. Hence very uncertainly.



Corvus c. principalis

48632. ♂ Quetsnelle, March 5, 1901. This appears to be a typical example of principalis, having the heavy bill, short thick tarsus and heavy feathered legs, supposed to be characteristic of var. rufus as distinguished from sinuatus. I have good series of both forms.

Pinnicola

All the birds I have from you were taken in winter or early spring, the latest spring date being March 19. Hence I have not considered it necessary to examine them closely.

Zonotrichia gambeli (= old intermedia)

45538 ♂ Chilliwack, April 23, 1888 } All these are typical gambeli. I have  
45539 ♂ " Sept. 14 " } had no specimens of metalli from  
45540 ♀ " May 14 1890. } you.  
44671 ♂ " March 2, " }

Passercula — ?

The four or five birds you sent me appear to represent at least two of the northern-breeding, western forms but I cannot identify any of them not having the necessary material for comparison. My series is small and is made up almost wholly of birds shot in winter in California, Oregon etc. All of these were labeled townsendi in the happy days, many years ago, when that was the only small-billed western form we knew. I have never looked them over.

Dendroica aestiva rubiginosa?

45490, ♀ ad. Chilliwack, June 2, 1887.

~~25727.~~ This looks to me like rubiginosa (of which I have a good series of breeding birds from Washington) but females and young of this form cannot be distinguished from those of aestiva (or perhaps brewsteri, also) with any certainty. I consider rubiginosa, as represented by adult males, an easily recognizable race.

Wilsonia p. chryseola

45500, ♂ ad. Chilliwack, May 13, 1894. } Both specimens fairly typical (one was  
45501. ♀ " Aug. 31, 1888. } extreme) representatives of this form, the recognition of which I have never favored, however.

Regulus calendula.

I cannot find that you have ever sent me any "Ruby-crowns".

Hieron.

The only Hieron of any kind I have from you is a Western

George Swainson Wilson Brewster.

Coccothraustes vespertinus mexicanus subsp. nov.

"Char. subsp. - Slightly smaller than Coccothraustes vespertinus montanus, the male with the frontal band narrower, the female with the under parts more buffy. Wing ~~3.70~~ 4.50; tail 2.64; ear .75; ex cul, .75 in."

"Type - Am Mus. Nat. Hist., No. 68480, ♂ ad., Las Vigas, Vera Cruz, Mexico All. S. Cooper. —."

I. M. Chapman Auk XIV 1897 p 311