



Taunton, Mass., U. S. A.

1272 131.10.1  
I make a specialty of first class skins and  
eggs of N.A. birds for scientific collections.

JOHN C. CAHOON,  
PROFESSIONAL  
Taxidermist & Naturalist.  
Collector and Dealer in All Kinds of  
BIRDS, NESTS AND EGGS.



1886

12/14  
Mr William Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have a fine specimen of Florida  
burrowing owl and an Oystercatcher  
in the skin. I will sell the owl to  
you for 3.50 and the oystercatcher for  
1.50. These birds were collected by  
myself and are labeled with date  
locality and sex. I also have a  
Florida burrowing owl mounted in first  
class manner that I will sell for  
5.00

Respectfully yours  
John Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon  
Dec. 14. 1886



Taunton, Mass., U. S. A.

I make a specialty of first class skins and  
eggs of N.A. birds for scientific collections.

JOHN C. CAHOON,  
PROFESSIONAL  
Taxidermist & Naturalist.  
Collector and Dealer in All Kinds of  
BIRDS, NESTS AND EGGS.



12/20

1886

Mr Wm Brewster,  
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> to hand, and  
I send the sub an- matter by  
to-day's mail. The other pair  
are in the collection of Fred  
Carpenter, I am thinking of  
taking a collecting trip South but  
have not decided as yet. I shall  
know in a week or ten days. I should  
want to look at the skins of the  
ducks etc you speak of, and see  
if I could make a satisfactory  
job of them and if so I should  
prefer to charge for the time spent  
Could I make any arrangements  
to collect for you the winter  
in the South or the Bahamas or  
elsewhere. I can make up a

first class skins as quickly  
as any collector

Most truly yours  
John Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon

Dec. 20 - 1886

J. C. Cahoon

Jan. 20. 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

In New York State, on  
train for Chicago -

Thursday Morning -  
Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I received the pass-port  
that you left at Webster's,  
for me, yesterday before  
I started. I left the squire  
and your parcel at Webster's  
for you. If you do not  
call for the squire, ask  
Mr. Fred Carpenter to take  
care of it until I get back.

If it suits you, take it, and  
give me credit for 4.00. I  
noticed that it was wired  
onto the stand rather  
loosely but as you would  
no doubt change the  
stand your<sup>own</sup> by it to suit

yourself was very much  
surprised when I came  
to prepay the freight on  
the can and the box I sent  
to Huachuca yesterday  
from Boston. The weight  
was 280 lbs and the cost  
was \$13.64 and as it cost  
me 1.00 to get them to  
Boston, it figured up to  
14.64 Please excuse the  
writing as the train is  
moving very fast

Respectfully yours  
John C. Cahoon

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

1.  
Mt Huachuca, Arizona. 2/13/17  
Mr Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I should have written to you before, but I had only been here a few days when Lieut Benson arrived and as he was going down into Mexico after some quail, and offered me a chance to go with him I went down there and only got back Friday. We had two mules and a buckboard and we went 130 miles into Mexico. The Lieut. had seen some quail down where we went and as there was one kind that he thought was very rare he wanted to get some.

2.  
very much. We got four kind  
of quail, but the ones we wanted  
were a top knot quail. I got  
eight of them, although all but  
two were ♀. I have never  
seen them described in books  
and think they are very rare.  
I also got fourteen Bobwhites  
the quail that the ♀ looks  
like our eastern bob-white.  
These were common. Also got  
gambels and masena quail.  
On our way back at one of  
the ranches we stopped at  
a dog got at my skins and  
tore up four of my quail skins.  
We got caught in a  
severe rain storm and had  
to drive 40 miles, but we  
got our skins through all  
right. About going down into  
Mexico. I shall go down in  
about three weeks. I had only



collected two days about the Pass  
when I went into Mexico. The  
information Mr Corey gave me  
about Mexico does not answer  
for Sonora at all. It is a  
very hard country to travel  
in. On the one rail road  
The rates are 10¢ per mile  
and only 25 lbs of baggage is  
allowed to be carried free  
of charge. The maps that  
we examined of Mexico  
were not at all right. The  
way we thought was best  
for me to do was to go  
down on the rail road and  
then travel overland to  
some town in the mountains.  
The map we looked at did  
not give many mountains  
between some places, but  
there are mountains all the  
way between. If I go down

4  
on the railroad there is only  
one place that I can get  
across the country and that  
is Hermosilla. 180 miles from  
Huachuca. It would cost me  
30.00 or 35.00 to get there with  
all of my baggage and I  
would then have to get  
transportation over the moun-  
tains. Now from what I can  
learn from Lieut Benson  
and others there is a nice  
town about 200 miles south  
of Huachuca in Mexico called  
"Oposura." It is about 60 miles  
below the ranch we were at  
in Mexico. There are plenty of  
those rare quail there also  
swamps and from what I  
can learn it would be a  
splendid place to collect.  
About 10 miles to the east of this  
town is a small town right  
in the heart of the mountains  
and I have no doubt but  
there are rare birds there.  
In these same mountains about  
100 miles below this place  
is where Lieut Benson

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB,

shot the large woodpecker and  
he says there is no doubt but  
that I may get some at  
the place I speak of.

The whole of Louisiana is a  
very wild country and it  
is only a few hours since  
there has been any travel  
at all down that way. Now  
I could get transportation  
direct from some place  
near Hudson as cheap and  
I think a little less than  
I could go down there by  
railroad. I had not idea  
that it cost so much for  
travel down here. I think  
that I will have to pay duty  
on most of my things as it is

impossible, to get anything over  
the line without paying for  
it. Everything is very high in  
Guayaquil and Mexico. In Sonora  
flour is 12¢ per lb and other  
things to compare. There is no  
train Huachuca. The pass  
is seven miles from the station.  
It took me several days to  
get my trunk and I have not  
got my freight yet. There  
is a hotel at this pass  
and the rates are 3.00  
per day. I stayed there  
a few days and I got a  
place at the Hospital  
to sleep and take my  
meals at one of the sergeants  
house. The Gov. at the  
post is a very nice man  
and gave me a good place  
to work in. I shall most  
likely come out considerable

7.  
behind my expenses but  
as per agreement I shall  
go down into Mexico and  
do the very best that I can  
for you. I will write again  
as soon as I get a chance  
and let you know about  
what bids there are at the  
post. Please write and  
let me know if you think  
it best to go to the town  
I write about - etc.

Trusting to hear from you  
soon I remain,

Most truly yours  
John A. Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon

Feb. 13 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

St. Huachuca, Arizona Territory  
Mrs. Mrs. Brewster,  
Dear Sir,

I am still at this place, and don't think that I can get away into Mexico for two or three weeks. I am going to try and get a man to take me down that, being here from the mines up into Arizona. He was here some time ago and I am going to try and get a chance to go back with him. But we are not abundant about here, and Lieut Benson says he never saw so few at this time of the year. I have collected about 175 birds Hooray

worked about two weeks. I  
have taken 35 species + kinds  
of birds about the Ft and  
about 30 different in Mexico.  
My usual count up to 5 birds  
at a time. The birds about here  
now are mostly sparrows  
and birds, Arizona jays.  
Blue birds, towhees, and water  
thrushes and many  
others. I think I have taken  
some nice specimens of  
sparrows. It is quite cool  
out here now more so than  
when I first came. My  
freight arrived all right  
the last week. Would  
you please get for me  
and send by mail a small  
magnifying glass or pocket lens.  
I forgot to buy one with me.  
I will stop upon what birds  
I have on hand before I



go down to Mexico -

Most truly yours

John C. Calhoun

J. C. Cahoon

Feb. 20 1887

J. C. Cahoon

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB Feb. 28. 1887

Fort Huachuca N. T. Feb 28 1887

Mr Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> received this evening. I packed 2 of quail and will send them to you to-morrow. The two kinds that are most rare I send a ♂ and ♀ of each. Of the 49-60 130 ♂ Whites in the ♂'s some of the throats are all black, and some of them have white streaked in. The 1055 and 68 was about as com. as the 106 Whites 49-60 but I had some what hard luck getting them. One of the men on the ranch found a flock of about 30 in one of the cañons and drove 2 of them down

near the ranch and then came  
after me to shoot them. I went  
out and shot them and every  
one was ♀'s. They say that there  
are a great many of them at  
Oposuma. The measurements  
of No 55 are, Length 10.65 Extent 14.55  
Wing 4.25 Eyes Hazel

No 68 not measured -

No 60, length 9.30 Extent 14.00 Wing 4.09  
I have the measurements of most  
all of the quail in the book I  
will send you. Tomorrow or  
next day I will pack up  
some small birds and send  
you.

I have collected 250 birds  
so far. There are not many birds  
about here now - and it is hard  
work to get them in the mountains.  
I chased several - Bucards  
Finches about three miles up  
a mountain to get them.

The only arrivals I have seen  
from the south are the rocky  
mountain bluebirds—

The State of Sonora in Mexico  
is different from any other part  
and the customhouse officers  
do about as they like— It is not  
like the large towns or cities.  
They don't have any rates but  
charge about what they like.  
Those papers from Secretary  
Bayard have helped me quite  
a lot about this post, but  
when you get into Sonora  
it is out of the U.S. and those  
Mexicans don't care a snap  
about the Sec of U.S. Of  
course I shall do the very best  
that I can for you, but I  
don't expect to make but  
very little out of the trip. I  
shall have to get as much of an outfit  
to go down for 5 months as for

10 year - To go down to Oposura  
a person has got to camp on  
the way as the ranches are far  
apart so one has got to go  
prepared to camp - I could  
go down on the railroad with  
less expense and much less  
work but I want to go down  
into the mountains about Oposu-  
ra as I think I can get some  
nice birds there. But it is  
quite a dangerous trip as the  
Mexicans are very bad in these  
small towns, and as far as I  
can learn it is the very worst  
part of Mexico - I am not at  
all afraid only it is lots of  
trouble to watch them and see  
that they don't steal everything  
I have. I don't think any one  
has ever collected through  
the mountains from Oposura down  
It will no doubt be hard work to  
ship birds from Oposura, and  
I should hardly dare to trust  
them, unless I was pretty sure of  
whom I sent them by. They  
would have to go 200 miles  
in a team on a rough road  
however, if I saw a good chance.

## BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

I might send some - Then they would stand a chance of being overhauled by the Customs House Officers. You show what you have at one town and the officers says all right and when you get to the next town just as likely as not you have to show everything again and they bother you as much as they can. Of course I think my passport will help me ~~again~~ some but I don't depend on it. I have seen what those fellows are. I shall try and start in a week or so. but you can address me at Ft. Huachuca.

until I start, and I will let  
you know as soon as I make  
a start, and send you what  
buds I have. I will get the  
boxes quail registered so that  
it will go through safely.  
I trust that you will receive  
the quail all right and be  
pleased with them. I remain

Most truly yours  
John C. Calhoun



BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Fort Huachuca, A.T. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr Brewster, -

Dear Sir,

I shall start from here tomorrow  
for Fairbanks about 20 miles from  
here I have a chance to go down  
into Mexico with a man that  
is going to Macosario and I  
think it is about 50 miles from  
there to Coposima. The man will  
take me down to Macosario for  
20.00 and I think that I can get  
from there to Coposima for 12.00  
or 15.00 I shall start from ~~Macosario~~  
Fairbanks Monday morning. I  
have packed all my traps  
by express from Fairbanks. ~~Monday~~  
What birds I have - about 300  
The note book is fastened on to

the feathers in the leg. I trust that they will be received in  
good condition, and be satisfactory. After you have looked  
them over, you can write and let me know how I can  
improve or the make up of the skin - for I think there may  
be some that are not as nice as they ought to be. Birds  
are quite scarce about here now. In looking up the numbers  
in the note book, you will find four gila missing -  
These were destroyed by a dog on the ranch we stopped  
at. Hunt Benson shot a specimen of long crested Jay  
about 10 miles up in the mountains to day I went up  
there twice after them but could not find any. It  
is very tiresome walking so far and then coming back  
over the mountains. Hunt Benson goes out on horse  
back - You had better address me at Esperanza  
in your next letter and I will write just as soon as  
I get the end of my pack before.

Respectfully yours  
John C. Calhoun

P.S. If you want a correct map  
of Sonora Mexico send to Warren Holt  
743 Montgomery St San Francisco  
It is the only map worth a cent  
It gives the roads - I bought one in  
Yombstone -

J. C. Cameron

Feb. 5-1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Hacosari Mexico March 27 1857

Mr Brewster. -

As I shall not get a chance to  
mail my letters, or send them  
up to Arizona until tomorrow  
I will write a second letter to  
night. I have packed two boxes  
of birds and will send them up  
to Tucson and have them mailed  
with the letters. They are as follows,

304 <sup>March 11 1857</sup> Sparrow. Shot in corn about  
15 miles from San Pedro in Yuma Co. Saw  
quite a number of them about the brook

309 yellow-headed Blackbird. Shot at  
Frontieria March 18 1857. Very abundant -

331. Wren. Shot at Hacosari March 20.  
Common. Shot on the shore along the brook

335 Pactus Wren. Shot at Hacosari March 21.  
Saw several of these 337 species of Wren

Shot at Macosari March 21<sup>st</sup> Com 340 The  
same - 343 Nashville Warbler - Tol com  
346 — Flycatcher. Only one that  
I saw - 350 Quail Dove - Com - Shot at  
Macosari March 22 - 358 Gold tit  
Only one that I saw - 359 Costa  
Hummer. Abund - 364 Bullock's  
Orocl. Shot all that I have seen  
of this - Macosari Mexico March 23  
373 — Goldfinch - Abund 375  
Costa Hummer; abund - 376 Costa  
Hummer - 378 Blk-capped Flycatcher  
wart. tol com - 379 Cica Hummer  
381 Costa Hummer - 384 Cactus  
Wren - 375 — Wren - Shot in  
<sup>back</sup> ~~back~~ - Saw several - 386. Black  
throated gray warbler - Only one  
that I saw. Shot on ~~near~~ <sup>near</sup> brook  
near the brook - Macosari March 24 -  
399 Black and yellow Oriole. Only  
one that I saw - 403. Flycatcher  
Only one I saw - 405 little buff-headed  
Flycatcher Saw only two which I shot

Macosaw Mich 25 -

410 Greenlet Only one that I saw

416 Red-backed Rufous Hummer -

Only one that I saw - 423 <sup>Painted</sup> Flycatcher

Warbler. Saw several of these 427

Hooded Oriole - Only one that I

saw. 442 - Tit - Only one

that I saw. I shot on both places

I think this last one

must be quite rare - I am informed

that Oposura is very hot in May -

being in a sort of basin - Now I have

a plan to propose - I think

this is a very good place to collect.

Now I could go down to Oposura

and stop until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May

or until it gets too hot, then come

back to this place. By that

time the birds will commence

to breed and I can get some good

eggs - I am informed that there

is a town about east from

here in the mountains, on a

river. The town is called

Oputo about 40 miles from here,  
and from what I can learn it  
is a very fine place for birds.  
Now when I reach Oposura I  
shall have fulfilled my agree-  
ment in the number of miles to  
be traveled. I cannot afford  
to travel further as I am way behind  
on my expenses now. Now if you  
are willing to pay the expense  
of getting transportation from  
Potosi to Oputo, when I come  
back here, from Oposura, I  
will go over there and collect  
a month or more. Huasabas  
a town is about 24 miles below  
Oputo on the same river, and I  
could go down there if you  
like. I shall leave what birds  
I collect about here, and some  
of my baggage at this place, and  
get my birds when I return. I  
think when I come back ~~to~~ to  
this place I can send what birds  
I have on hand - up to Fairbanks  
and have them shipped to  
you. You can write me at  
Oposura and let me know  
what you think of my plan.  
Very respectfully yours  
John A. Allen

J. C. Cahoon

March 24 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB,

(Ex Nacozari, Mexico)

Nacozari, Mexico March 24 1887

Mr. Wm. Brewster;

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines last week and sent it to Oregon to be mailed, but as you may not get it I will write again to-night as I have a chance to send this letter up to Tumbucaca, Oregon by a man to-morrow. I arrived here last Saturday after a 12 days trip. The team that I came down on did not go any further, so I am obliged to wait here until I can get transportation to Coposura about 44 miles. I did not get a chance to collect much on the way here as we did not make camp until dark and got away early in the morning. There were several places I should



have tried to collect over but it was no use to shoot as I could not  
get a chance to do the birds. What few birds that I did collect. I skinned and  
made up by the camp fire. I collected about 20 birds. Got a fine  
specimen of St. horned owl. Very much bleached. Massasauga is a small  
running stream in the Massasauga Canon. A small creek or brook runs  
through the canon. There are quite a number of birds here and new ones  
arriving every day. My four days work is 87 birds which I think is fair  
for the country. A man can't go in for number, in this country, as it  
too mountainous for large numbers of birds. A few of my birds taken  
here are as follows Long eared jay - Vermillion Flycatcher - Sparrow  
different flycatchers - Costa Hummer - Cree Hummer - Pactus  
Wren - Curve billed Thrasher - Yellow, Washoeley, Black capped,  
Black throated gray, and Andulain's Warblers, Inca doves - Ballou's, and  
7 Black and yellow Orioles - Violet green swallow - Gold-tit - Goldfinch  
and many more etc etc - Birds are now arriving every day. You  
no doubt have got my birds by this time. Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
~~is~~ was sent to me from H. Hacanea. About going to H.  
Hacanea in my way back. It is very expensive living at H.  
Hacanea - and I shall have to get transportation to that  
place in no time through there. In my note book that I  
sent with my birds, I wrote all about the country about Hacanea.  
ca - but in case there is any thing that you wish to know, that  
is not in the note, let me know and I will answer in my next

I received the pocket lens  
a long ago - I shall most likely  
take both specimens of the two  
rare quail at Coposura. So you  
can get evidence of its being  
taken south of our other trip  
I have several of the elegant  
Blue quail about here, but I  
have had several times to shoot  
a ♂ that I saw up the side of  
a mountain where I think he has  
a nest - Am glad to hear of the  
success of our trapper but I  
am sure he could not get  
so many birds where I was  
(Of course I could collect  
many more in a day if I did not  
want to get a large variety - I chased  
the long crested jay about two miles  
up the mountain as I was afraid  
I might not strike them again  
although I may find them  
before I get back -  
I am paying 100 per day for meals  
at this place which is considered  
very reasonable in this country -  
When you write to me address me  
at Coposura -

Very truly yours  
John A. Shafer

J. C. Cahoon  
Apr. 3-1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Opaluma, Mexico, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1887  
Mr Brewster,-  
Dear Sir,-

I arrived here yesterday and found a letter from you at the post office from Cambridge, dated Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. I sent a letter and a package of birds to Tombstone Arizona to be mailed to you about a week ago. I was much disappointed in this place. It is in a low basin. It is very hot here. There is a river or brook about a mile or two below here but the land along this river is all fenced in so that one can hardly get about at all. There is a town call Campas that I stopped at on my way down.

about half way between Nacosari that I want to collect  
at. I saw some nice herons and other birds on the river at  
that place. I shall not stop at Cposuma but a short time,  
at this place there is several cases of small pox, but I  
should not mind that if it was a good place to collect  
at. I think Nacosari the best place I have found to col-  
lect at and when I get back there I am going up to a  
mine about 6 miles in the mountains where I think  
I can get some good birds. There are several pair of American  
ite hawks building nest at Nacosari and I should like  
to get some sets of eggs. While I am away it will give the  
birds a chance to build. I have taken several hummers  
at Nacosari since I sent you the cigars lotes of birds from  
there. and one kind I feel quite certain is not described  
in the "Key to U. S. Birds" as I have carefully looked up the  
different kinds. The other one I do not think is described.  
Nacosari is a good place for Orioles, and the day before I came  
away I took two ♂ and a ♀ hooded orioles. I left about 200 birds  
in my trunk at Nacosari and when I get back, I will try and  
send those and the ones I get down here up to Fairbanks  
and have them shipped to you. You ask me if I sent you  
any quail by mail from Ft. Huachuca. The very day that  
I got a letter from you asking me to send you a specimen

of the quails that Benson and I got, I packed a cigar box of six quails, a ♂ and ♀ of the Pensais, a ♂ and ♀ of the bob white and a ♂ of Massena and Gambels. He also wrote you a letter at the same time I registered the cigar box as I always do a package. And I have the registry receipt in hand now. It is dated March 1<sup>st</sup> Camp Mackinac.

I am sorry that you have not received the lot as there was in the quail was very fine specimens - I am glad to learn that the skins I sent pleased you, and I am sure that this next lot will be much better. I am doing my best to get us large variety of birds as I can and have not gone in for success at all. I like the plan of wrapping in cotton very well. I had my things packed down here in mules. It cost me \$16.00 to get my things down here from Nacodero. If I make another trip into the country I shall go prepared to Camp out and take you - that with me.

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

and pass-mules and a man to pass  
if you had better address me at  
Opossum as I can get my mail  
better from there than any  
place that I know of. Which  
you get that map you can see  
just where I am as it is very  
accurate as far as I have been  
By the way - will you please  
subscribe for the Auk, for me  
commencing 1881 and have it  
sent to my address at Taunton  
Mass.

Most truly yours  
J. L. Cahoon.

J. C. Cahoon

Apr. 10 - 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

1887  
Oxford, Iowa, Tuesday April 11

Mr Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from you today  
that had been sent to Ft Hua  
chuan, dated March 7<sup>th</sup>. I received  
one last week of a later date  
and I sent you a letter by this  
week's mail. (I have collected  
about here just one week and  
have taken some 95 specimens  
I do not a very good place to  
collect at) but I think that  
I shall stop here a week or so  
longer. I may take a trip up  
into a mountain where there  
is a pond of water about 15  
miles from here. It is very warm  
here now. The land about here

is all fenced in with hedges which  
are creased with thorns and the  
trees are along between the fields  
When ever you shoot a bird he  
is sure to fall on the other side  
of the fence. It is hard work  
to get over and if you go round  
it takes a longer mile and it  
is hard work to fence the place.  
There are dense thickets of mesquite  
and thorny bushes along the edges  
of the hills, but when I shoot  
a bird in these places it is about  
impossible to find it. I have  
packed a very lot of birds  
and will send them to you by  
mail. There are several birds that  
that I consider as being very  
rare or new. An oriole sparrow  
and cactus wren. You will see  
by the measurement that the  
cactus wren is small compared  
with the Com cactus wren -



I have a summer at Naesae that I think is new, as I cannot find any description of it.

The birds that I saw are as follows.

Opuscula April 4<sup>th</sup>  
519. — Wren. ♀ — 520 Teazoo Kingfisher

♀. Have taken two of these.

Opuscula April 5<sup>th</sup>  
527. Greenlet ♀ Com.

532. Sparrow ♂ Saw two of them.

Opuscula April 6<sup>th</sup>  
540. Oriole ♂ Shot on myigante bush on side of hill near river.

543. Blue capped bird shot on same. Only one seen. Shot on myigante bush on side of hill.

544. Greenlet. ♂ Com.

549. Hummer ♂

550. " ♀

551. Cactus Wren ♀

Measurements	
Length	7.00
Extent	9.50
Wing	2.90
Tail	2.70
Bill	80

Opuscula April 7<sup>th</sup>

563. Greenlet ♀ Com

564. " ♂

565. Flycatcher " Eyes brown

566. Sparrow ♂ Only one seen.

Opuscula April 8<sup>th</sup>

568. Red capped Red Puffin Hummer ♂ taken

570. " " " " ♀

571. Calliope Hummer ♂ taken

574. Sparrow — ♂ Only one seen

576. Orange crowned Warbler ♀ Com

Some of my birds taken this week are as follows White winged Dove,

Thrua lutea, Olive or low billed  
Thrushes, Intermediate and white  
browed crowned sparrow. Wren  
Gambel's quail, Benson's Quail,  
Woodpecker, Purple Violets, yellow  
swallow. Gold finch. Two different  
quailcatchers - Cardinal, Lawrence  
Blanchard, Finch - 2 species, Texas  
Orange crowned and Nashville  
Warblers. And Cassin's King  
bird - There are lots of quail  
here but it is impossible to  
find them as they are in the  
wheat fields and the wheat  
is about 2 feet high. I found  
one flock of Benson's Quail  
this week but they got into a  
dense thicket and by a snap  
shot. I got one more & I think  
I may get some more before  
I leave here. I heard some  
Bob whites or bustards one morning  
but could not find them.  
I will write you again before  
I leave here. My mail had  
been sent here. I am  
sending you a lot of quail by mail from  
Fort Huachuca and have the  
registry receipt in my pocket  
I trust that you have received

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

the boxes of birds I sent to Mrs. [unclear]  
Cary may be marked. Please  
let me know if there was any-  
thing rare in the lot. I shall  
have by the time I get back to  
Hudson, 4 or 5 skins or more.  
Had I better send them up to  
Arizona by a team if I get  
a chance, and ship them to  
you, or shall I wait until  
I come up? I don't think there  
will be any danger of losing  
them lost.

Most truly yours

John A. Caban

P.S. The election of Governor  
takes place in this state this  
month and a revolution is  
expected, but they wait

bother me. An American stole  
9.00 of me the last week, but  
if he is in Hacosau when I  
get back I shall make him  
give it up. There is lots of  
robbing going on about the  
state now. A gang of men went  
through a town about 30 miles  
from here and got 700,00 in of  
one day the wife a Doc, was  
robbed of everything that he  
had by a gang of men. I shall  
however be a lot better out

Yours  
A.P.


J. C. Cahoon  
Apr. 17. 1887

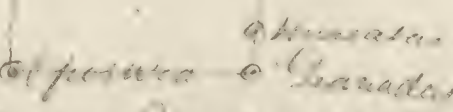
BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Providence, R.I. May 1, 1887  
Mr. William Brewster,  
Dear Sir,  
I did not get any letter from  
you by the last week's mail  
although I expected one. About  
3 weeks ago I sent a letter and  
2 copies of a list of birds up to  
you to be mailed to you  
Since I have been here, two  
weeks, I have written to you  
twice and last week I sent  
you a cigar box containing  
quite a number of birds. I  
trust that you have received  
them all by this time. I don't  
receive so rarely any mail  
but would I were afraid that  
it don't get through. I'll

Last week I collected 105 birds  
and I send you a lot ~~with~~  
with ten birds. I send an owl  
that is not described in "Cruik  
Key" I have taken two of  
them both ♂ and seen several  
others I also send two wag-  
tails of which I have taken  
4. I send a ♂ Kingfisher  
There are two more. I sent  
you one last week a ♀ "Cruik  
Key" says that the ♂ of this  
species has not red collar  
and that a ♀ possessed ♀  
has a red collar. Now I have  
found it just the reverse. The  
two first I took had no  
red collar and was ♀'s These  
last two I took are ♂'s and  
have a red collar. The other  
birds I send are as follows  
60 ♀ <sup>of *Thryothorus* *alpestris*</sup> Rough winged Swallow ♂ Com.  
608 Red backed Kingfisher ♂ Com.  
612 Macgillivray's Warbler ♂ or  
619 Red backed Kingfisher ♂ "



letter that I sent from Hacon  
 about going over to Coputa  
 when I get back from this  
 place. I have altered my  
 plan. The man I am stopping  
 with is going over to Granada  
 a town about 35 miles East  
 from here on a river. It is  
 about 3 miles below Huacata  
 the town I wrote you about  
 Now I can get over there with  
 him quite reasonable and  
 after stopping there I may  
 go up to Coputa and from  
 there to Necosari. I was  
 collecting a sq. terrarium  
 like this, - 

If you have  
 the map I know  
 about you can  
 see the places 

I want of. Now I shall  
 make this trip knowing  
 that I shall get some nice  
 specimens and trusting  
 to your generosity to help  
 in our expenses. I will  
 write next day. I shall



Take a horse and pack  
"Loony" and go to Macosai  
taking what skins I have  
with me and leave them  
at that place so that I  
can get them on my way  
back from Oputu. I can go  
to Macosai and back  
in three days so that I  
won't lose much time.  
I think this is a good chance  
for me to go over to Inana  
and while I've I am stop  
ping with is a very economo  
dating man and will do  
all he can to help me.  
I direct your letters to  
Chosuna as I can get my  
mail best from there.  
Buds collected up to day  
705-

Most truly yours

John Chosuna  
P.S. Small Chosuna's about  
here now.

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB,

1171  
Oposuma, Lower Mexico April 24<sup>th</sup>

Mr Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from you this morning dated April 18<sup>th</sup>. I should be very sorry if you do not received the two lots of birds that I sent from Nacosari. There were two cigar boxes done up in one package. I saw the man I sent them up to Tom Stone by at this place yesterday, and he said that he registered them and had the receipt at Nacosari. There was some very nice specimens in the package and I then put a new species of Tit in the lot. I have sent you two boxes of birds

from Orosura. and I hope  
that you will receive them  
all right One of them, the last  
I sent contained a new or  
rare Oriole that was not  
described in Coues's Key. It  
may not be new but it is  
rare. The boxes also contained  
some specimens of Sparrows  
and Texas green Kingfisher.  
I registered both boxes - I don't  
like to send birds by mail in  
this country as it is so hard  
to get mail through. I know  
that I have mail sent to me  
that I never receive. Papers  
never get through in this state.

You write that you want  
me to go up into the pine-  
timbers on the high moun-  
tains. That is just what I have  
wanted to do, but as I wrote  
in several of my letters to you

I could not afford as I was  
belong on my expenses.

Recent Plummer said that he  
got his woodpeckers some 150 or  
more miles S. E. from here, but  
I believe that he got them nearer  
than that. There is a range of moun-  
tains and it is about 15 miles from  
here to the top. They are very  
heavy timbered with pine. I  
don't think that there are any of  
the woodpeckers there but I  
am going up to see. If I don't  
find any there, I shall go over  
to Nacozil - and from there travel  
south. There are many high moun-  
tains that are not timbered at  
all.

I have had quite hard luck  
this last week. I was sick several  
day with a fever. Tuesday I  
started to go to Nacosero to get  
some things. I had a frail box.

no, and I rode a horse that I  
hired Dr. Moore the man that  
I am stopping with put my  
saddle into the horse, but did  
not fasten it on securely,  
and as I was going up a hill  
the saddle turned over and the  
horse began to kick throwing  
me off into a cactus plant.  
The horse then ran taking  
with him the saddle, a nice  
blanket and my gun scab-  
bard, also a fine bridle. The  
horse ran over into the moun-  
tains and then came back to  
Ojosera. Then he got back he  
had nothing on him. A man  
that I got trailed him up  
where he had been, but  
found only the remains of  
the saddle. Some one had  
carried off the bridle, scabbard  
and my blanket. The worst  
luck thing was that my  
shot gun was thrown off at  
the first under the horse's feet  
and with the exception of a  
slight dent in the barrel  
came out all right. I got in  
several days collecting this  
week and took some fine

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

specimens of Benson's and  
Gambell's Quail.

I think the best way  
to send me some money will  
be to send a letter of credit  
to me at Oposura at once  
and register the letter and  
I think that I would get  
it all right. I shall start  
this afternoon or tomorrow  
for Nacosan so as to get  
some shells and other to  
last me on the trip until I  
get back.

Very truly yours  
John C. Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon.

Apr. 24-1887

by Oponona,

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Opossum Inova Mexico, April May 1. 1871  
My Mrs. Brewster  
Dear Sir,

I send away from here to you  
a box of birds some 100 or  
less. I am going to send  
them up to Arizona and if I have  
them shipped for a price  
to you from there. I have  
as many more on the coast  
but cannot ship them  
until I get ready to start  
up for Arizona. The rest of  
the lot will show about  
what I have. The birds  
shipped thus far on the box  
are those that I have shipped  
to you by mail. I thank you



look out for the boy in about two weeks from this date.

I shall start for the mountains this next week.

I wrote you last week in receipt of your letter to send me letter of credit to C. Fossum, registered.

It is very warm down at this place now and there is a lot of considerable sickness about here.

I shall go east from here to one of the towns and get a man and pack mules there and go to the mountains from there.

It is hard work to get anything in these towns. It took me about all of yesterday afternoon to find a boy to pack the bullets, and I had to make ~~that~~ me I did get. all over here is very high in this country as all of the hard hearts be got eat by hand. The price for a soap lot here is from 75¢ to 1.00.

There are a great many quail about here mostly Kennons, but they are all in the wheat fields and it is impossible to get at them. I believe you will find a description of

Deposure and the coun-  
try about it.

Respectfully yours  
John [unclear]

to [unclear]  
May 1-1857  
J. C. [unclear]

J. C. Cahoon

May 14-87

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

Letter of Opouma

Opouma, Lower California <sup>1887</sup> May 14

Mr. William Brewster,

Just got back from Crangan  
from which, please I wrote to  
you last week. As you may not get  
the letter, would say, that I  
went over there to go from there  
to the Fair town to the west  
On account of the great amount  
of work, and the Shocks which  
will continue, and had  
Indian did not demand  
soft to proceed. I should  
not have minded the work  
Insects, but there is a great  
amount of fun in the  
game to the least and parts  
of Crangan, so I decided  
to return to Opouma

found the place <sup>go into the</sup>  
pine timber about 25 miles  
from here. There are no large  
pine timber there as any  
where in the mountains, and  
I am in hopes to get the  
I W. or person thing. In  
a letter received from  
Lunt Person to-day he  
states that he got his I. W.  
50 miles to the N. of Hades  
on the line between Lower  
and Chukchiuk, and he  
has no doubt that I could  
find them in the pine  
near Opana. My inten-  
tion was to have gone 25  
miles east of Hades and  
if I did not find them  
there, travel south through  
a belt of pine.

On my way from Hades  
back here I stopped by

days on the top of a mountain  
and got some fine birds. It  
was at a spring hole where  
the birds came to drink. I  
got two kind of birds that  
I have never seen  
as I cannot find them  
described in my "Key" and  
I think is a new one and I  
think quite a number of species  
in all. I wrote you a description  
of them in my letter  
I sent last week. The other  
bird I can't class and  
I can't find any description  
in my "Key" It greatly re-  
sembles a chat, but is  
no larger than a warbler  
and has a long tail feathers  
pointed, like a sharp-tailed  
sucker. I do not dare to  
send my birds by mail  
as I have sent you three

has not heard from.

Tuesday I shall start  
for the pipes and if I have  
good success shall stop  
there over night, it would  
be impossible to do much  
collecting about here now  
as it is very hot, but in  
places it is cooler. My  
number of buds collected  
up to this date is 703  
I write to you every week  
but most likely you do  
not get half of the letters.  
Please write as soon as  
you receive any of mine  
but I do not think it  
best to ship any more now,  
but to wait and take  
them up to my a with  
me.

Very truly yours,  
John C. Coe

J. C. Cahoon

May 27, 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Pine Camp on Mountains May 27<sup>th</sup> 1887

Mr. William Brewster, -

Dear Sir,

I am encamped on the mountain  
in the pines about 25 miles  
from Cape Cod.

I have been up here about  
ten days.

This mountain is very high  
and is covered with a thick  
growth of large pines, a few  
oak, and other deciduous trees.

I have had fair success  
having taken about 100 birds.

The most rare specimens taken  
thus far are Striped Land Wood  
pecker, Rufous-crowned Hummer  
and "finch" like, "239" taken at  
H. H. H. H. H., but larger -

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

No J. Woodpecker seen as yet, although I am keeping a sharp lookout. Two birds that I shall get a regular fine series of, are Long crested Jay and Californian Woodpecker.

It is very hard getting a trout on this mountain and this morning I had quite a fall. I got off with a few slight bruises, but my poor gun got several deers. The last day on our way up the mountain we traveled three miles all day.

A few nights ago we had quite a lampst and had to get a wetting.

The birds are scattering but I am in hopes to get quite a number. One bird that I have seen twice, I think, I think is a species new to U. A. Birds. It is about the size of a jay and blue on back, with blue white



of breast and belly as well  
as I could see is a blood  
red. Its note is a harsh cry  
and I followed one a long  
way this morning.

Plenty of deer up here  
and I have shot three so far  
One bear seen, but did  
not get a shot.

I shall send this letter  
down to Oposura in the  
morning by my man, who  
goes down after provisions  
and my mail.

I am trying to write  
by candle but with poor  
success.

Respectfully yours  
John C. Baker

J. C. Cahoon

June 9: 1887

1

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

"Pine Camp," Sierra Madra  
Mountains -

Sierra, Mexico June 9<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Mr. Wm. Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

I wrote you a letter from this  
locality two week ago, and sent  
it down to Oposura by my  
"man" to have it mailed.

When he returned with my two  
weeks mail, he brought me  
two letters from you, one dated  
May 8<sup>th</sup> and the other May 15<sup>th</sup>,  
also the letter of credit from  
Kidder, Teabody & Co. Glad  
to hear that you have received  
all the boxes that I have sent  
you by mail. The letter you  
wrote acknowledging the two  
boxes received together, I have  
never received. In my last

two or three letters that I have sent  
to you, I wrote about the cartegues  
and of my going over to Granada  
and returning to Oposura - also  
of the two new, or rare specimens  
I took on my way back.

I have now been up here nearly  
~~three~~ <sup>four</sup> weeks, and although I have  
not taken a great number of birds,  
I think I have taken some very  
rare specimens. One bird of  
which I have taken quite a num-  
ber, is, I am quite certain, a  
new species. It is a large, stout  
Summer Finch - and is much  
larger than any described in  
my "Key". I have also taken  
some of the smaller kind, so that  
I can compare them, and I see  
a great difference. - A second,  
rare or new, bird is a small  
wren - which I have seen only  
in one locality up here. - There

I have taken a small flycatcher somewhat like, the "little buff breasted," but a little different. In my last letter I wrote you a description of a bird that I had caught two glimpses of. I described it as being about the size of a jay, color of back, blue, and under parts red. After following this "very shy" bird up and down the cañon, several days without catching a sight of it, I was fortunate to-day and got a long shot at it and killed it. I would say that it is, The Copper Tailed Trogon, although the measurements are larger than those given in the Key. It is a fine ♂ and very pretty.

The birds are very scattering up here and it is very hard, tiresome, work getting about on the mountains.

I did intend to stop my men

week camping about half way down the mountain, where I wanted to get some. Poor-wills-

This afternoon I felt a slight shock, and some grumbling, and below in the Sierra, they still have trembling.

Several times I have determined that I would get out of Mexico as fast as I could, for there is everything to be done in this state.

I have not seen or heard a Imperial Woodpecker, although I have given this mountain a good search. I did hope that I should get at least one or two. I have done the very best that I could. When my man came up last week he brought word that a band of Apaches were making raids on a town to the east of these mountains, and were coming into the pine, where we were camped, and that I had better get out. but I made up my mind that I would stay until I saw signs of them.

About stepping down in Mexico, no more than a good upon. I don't think that it would pay, as the

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

rainy season commences about  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, and lasts through  
that month. It rains very hard,  
and continually and I could  
not do much collecting. I should  
not want to stop in the towns  
as the insects are very bad, and  
I could not stop in the moun-  
tains as I have no tent and  
can't get me down here.

With the exception of some  
mosquitoes it is quite nice  
up here but down below it  
is very warm.

In your next letter you  
had better address me at,  
Tombstone, Arizona.

Please acknowledge the  
receipt of letter of credit to

6. Messrs Knicker, Peabody & Co, as  
I have no writing paper left, up  
here -

I think when I reach Oposu-  
ra I will send you one more  
box by mail and send one each  
of the four birds that I consider  
rare or new. I hope by this  
time that you have received  
the box of birds I sent up to  
Tombsville about the time  
of the earthquake. I shall  
send my man down to get  
my mail Saturday and  
as I shall have the mail  
of two weeks I expect to get  
a letter from you.

Up to this date I have  
collected 1160 birds.

Trusting that you will  
receive this letter and  
birds sent per express, I  
remain

Very truly yours  
John C. Calson

J. C. Cahoon

June 10 - 1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Friday Evening June 10 - 1887

Mr Brewster, -

Dear Sir, -

I will write you a few more lines this evening, and send with my letter of last night, to W. Brown in the morning -

To-day has been quite a fortunate one for me so far as hummers goes. I took three refulgent, one broad tailed, and two others that I think are new as I cannot find any description of them. One of these belongs to the, Fulgent Family I am quite sure. Its length is 5.25. I am certain it is new as there is only one other described as large as it - Its



throat is violet blue, and its  
under parts are dull gray.  
The other is small about 4 in  
in length. back bright green,  
a white line from eye down  
side of neck, and over that a  
broad black line. throat and  
breast, shows dots of shining  
emerald green.

This morning while out with  
my rifle after a deer, I found  
the nest of a black hawk  
a buzzard, on the top of a tall  
pine. This afternoon went  
over to climb the tree, with  
ropes, etc, and could not  
bind the tree or nest.  
Searched until dark with-  
out success. As we, my man,  
and I were returning to camp  
near an owl roost, and  
finally I discovered him on  
the top of an old pine tree.  
I shot at him and broke his  
wing, but it was a long time  
before I found him it was so  
dark. Turned out to be a barred  
owl. Last night shot a night  
hawk that didn't seem to answer  
to the description of common, or  
Texas. The measurements are  
about the same as the common variety,  
but color different. As spots white  
on side, wings & tail. I think that I  
shall stop up here one more week,  
Indians it not. Yours truly, C. Brewer

A set of four eggs, of Painted Flycatcher taken today

J. C. Caboon

June 20. 1887.

Proserna Sonora Mexico June 20. 1887  
Mr Wm. Brewster,  
Dear Sir,

Came down from the mountains Saturday night. Had to get out in account of Indians.

The Indians are on the war path in Arizona and Mexico again. We Indians have left the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona and some of them are in Mexico. Found a party on a band of 17 passed within 9 miles of our camp and passed by our camp Sunday morning a band of 18 passed along a trail within 3 miles of our camp, but fortunately did not discover us.

Saturday afternoon three Mexican scouts, came up into the mountain to inform us about the Indians. There has been several men killed and the people are much alarmed. It is expected from good authority that there

will soon see 400 Indians out, fully  
armed and ready for fighting  
I shall start for Louisiana just  
as soon as I can engage transportation  
and shall travel nights on account  
of Indians and hot weather. It is  
hard work to get any animals  
or man to go, as the people down  
here are very much alarmed.

No mail received from you this  
week. Last week - two letters, one  
May 22 and one May 30<sup>th</sup>. It seems  
that you did not get my letter of  
May 7<sup>th</sup> dated La Grange, with full  
account of the Cartquian, which  
took place May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I also sent a letter  
home and one to the paper, published  
where I live, but not one of the  
three was received. It is very discour-  
aging to write letters that are never re-  
ceived.

I have just learned of the  
fate of the box of books that I sent  
to Tombstone, to be sent per ex-  
press to Cambridge. The Custom  
House Collector, took them from  
the man I sent them up by, saying

that there was a duty of 50 per cent on  
stuffed birds. I do not think that  
there is any duty and I shall find  
out and if there is not, I shall go  
for them in a red-hot. The collector  
was informed that I was collecting  
for the S. Ind. Institution. and said  
that he would hold them until  
I came up. There was quite an ar-  
ticle in the Tombstone paper, and  
they thought that he had not  
any right to take the birds.

I expect to get to Tombstone  
in about 15 days, should like to very  
much before the rainy season com-  
mences. as it is very bad travelling.

It is very, very hot down in  
this part of Mexico. in fact I  
can hardly write the heat is so  
intense. Earthquakes, shocks still  
continue.

Respectfully yours,  
John R. Calum

J. C. Cahoon

July 4-1887

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Tombstone, Arizona. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Mr Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I arrived at this place yesterday.  
Had a very hard trip up from  
Mexico. I hired pack ani-  
mals at Tepic, and a  
man. When I got to Nacosari.  
~~The~~ Mexican that I had  
with me, got to drinking  
and wanted more pay, and  
I found out that he was  
a very bad fellow, and  
might sell me in the way  
if he got a chance.  
So I sent him back. I  
then engaged a man at  
Nacosari, and got all  
ready to start when I

was taken sick and did  
not get started for several  
days. On the way up we  
had some very heavy rain  
storms but I succeeded  
in keeping my birds dry.  
The hardest part of the  
trip was that I could  
not buy a pound of flour  
and all we could get was  
a little meat and some  
beans.

To-day I ship you  
two boxes of birds per  
express. One of them is  
the box that was at the  
Custom-house. I packed  
in birds that could  
in the traps of my trunk,  
so as to save expressage  
as the rates are quite high  
from here. These birds that  
I send have been carried

up and down the mountain  
and have been repacked  
several times and I am  
afraid that they are a  
little out of shape. I ex-  
pected a letter from you  
at Tombstone, but did,  
not receive any.

There is quite a differ-  
ence in the price of tickets,  
from Boston to Fairbanks,  
and from Fairbanks to Boston.  
It cost me \$3.75 out here,  
and the tickets back  
are \$3.20.

Will you please  
send me a check for  
\$25.00, to New York City,  
and please register it.  
I trust that the funds will  
be received in good con-  
dition

I send you <sup>with</sup> my  
mail-

Respectfully yours  
John D. Cahoon

J. C. Cahoon  
Jan. 2. 1888

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888.

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking the matter over about going to Mexico, since I was at your house, and have decided I will go if you wish, and we can agree as to wages, etc.

I should want 75.00 per month and expenses, and would like to start within a month. I should, rather go out there for you than any one else, I know of, and should try and make a more successful trip than that of last year. If you think that you would like



to have me go out there or  
to Flander, please let me  
hear from you so, that we  
may meet at some early  
date to talk over the  
matter—

By the mail I send  
you the map that I spoke  
about, as you may wish  
to look it over. As far as  
the country that I have  
traveled over, I have found  
it very reliable, and it  
is I think, the only map  
that is any where near  
reliable that has been  
published so far—

As you will see, I have  
marked out the route that  
I traveled from Ft Huachuca  
to the "Old Ventura Ranch",  
where Lieut Benson and  
I got our quails. You will

see that I have printed in ink  
"Antonia Ranch" on the map, and  
we did not go below that point  
on our first trip, but in tracing  
our route, by mistake, I contin-  
ued the red-line down onto  
the Macosure trail. On the  
second trip you will see that  
I went from the Fort to Fair-  
bank, on the rail road, from  
there down the San Pedro Valley  
to Macosure and Ciposura.  
From Ciposura, crossed the  
lower part of Mt Ciposura  
to Granadas. I have marked  
a red (x) in the places that  
I collected and you can  
see about where I collected  
by the mountains near Ciposura.  
I am certain the trails on  
the map are reliable, with  
the exception of perhaps the  
south eastern portion.

think that I could point to  
the very point on this map  
where Bent found  
his wood pecker in Mexico

Enclose in this letter  
a small slip that I cut  
from a recent paper, and  
from this it would seem  
that there are some ~~of the~~  
Apaches left - Trusting  
to hear from you & our  
I remain,

Very truly yours  
John A. Calhoun

#### MURDEROUS APACHES.

A Number of Travellers Overlaid and  
Shot Near Navajo.

NOVEMBER, APR. 21, 1867. News has  
been received stating that a small band of  
Apaches were in the mountains in the  
vicinity of the Fort, killing and mauling a  
number of travellers. It was stated that  
some of the travellers were killed and  
some of the travellers were taken to the  
mountains. It was also stated that the  
travellers were shot and mauling the  
travellers. It was also stated that the  
travellers were shot and mauling the  
travellers.

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

1  
Taunton, Mass., Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1887.  
Mr. Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> received  
and enclosed please find  
and itemized account of  
what I consider it would  
cost for a 6 months trip  
into Lower Mexico.

The outfit could be sold  
for three fourths of what it  
would cost, when the trip  
was ended. I should be  
willing to pay for one half  
of the outfit, providing when  
the trip was ended ~~the~~  
would belong to me, to dispose  
of as I liked -  
I should think it would

## BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

pay to spend several months  
 about the ranches near Hacesari  
 for quail and other birds, that  
 would be found there in the  
 winter - There are several nice  
 canyons that it would pay  
 to collect in on the way  
~~from~~ down to Hacesari, in  
 fact ~~the~~ I think the prettiest  
 canyon that I saw in Mexico  
 was passed while trotting  
 down to Hacesari. It was  
 in that canyon I shot the  
 1st. Horned Owl and saw  
 quite a number of hawks.

I can't say just what it  
 would cost for a good man,  
 but I think I could find one  
 at the price I have given.

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

I don't know whether I should have to furnish him with an animal to ride or not; if it was a Mexican I should say not, as they can tie out any animal while on foot—

For a six months trip to Florida I should say the expenses and outfit would cost about \$500—these of course including pay for man.

Trusting to hear from you as soon as you decide, I remain,

Very truly yours,  
J. C. Moore

P.S. I have no use for the map at present so you may keep it as long as you like.  
J. C. M.

J. C. Cahoon

Jan. 8 - 1888

In re trip to Mexico  
expenses, salary etc

White  
of Ephraim  
to Clinton  
out for  
m. 5. 20  
#17

CLAY COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Fare to Fairbank and Return	#150	—
Outfit for preserving Birds, Hides including tags Nets book etc	15	—
Outfit consisting of Shells, ammunition, traps, etc	50.	—
Camping utensils including utensils	35	—
Three pack mules and a pack at 50— each	150.	—
One animal and saddle for riding	65.	—
Two leather sack for provisions	5	—
Cost of outfit	320	—

Cost of two men living 6 months		
3.50. each per week	182	—
Cost of a man for 5 1/2 months		
at 30— per month	165	—



BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Taunton Mass Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1888-

My Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

While on my trip in Mexico last winter, I collected and prepared two specimens of mammals, a gray fox and a gray squirrel.

Dr C. Hart Merriam has very kindly consented to identify specimens of mammals at any time, and I had intended to send him the above specimens for identification. To-day for the first time I had a faint remembrance that mammals was mentioned in

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

an agreement, and upon  
looking at the agreement,  
found that all mammals  
collected by myself should  
be the sole property of  
yourself - therefore the  
two specimens belong to  
you - If you desire them  
I will at once forward  
them to you, if not I will  
send them to Dr Merriam  
for identification, saying  
that through your kindness  
I am allowed permission  
to present him with the  
two specimens as he may  
wish to compare them  
with other of the same  
species. That for us, I think

3

BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

The common southern gray  
fox, but the squirrel may  
prove rare, as it was  
taken on the high moun-  
tains. Please reply soon.  
Very truly yours  
John D. LaRue

P.S. Mr. Richardson was  
at my house this forenoon  
and he intends to start  
for Mexico, Wednesday.  
He intends to collect  
along the coast and near  
the City of Mexico.  
J. D. L.

J. C. Cahoon

July 9. 1888

Mammals to Merriam

Monowoy Island, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1888.

Mr Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me the names of the parties that have the right to give permits for collecting birds for scientific purposes. I wish to collect some birds this spring strictly for study and wish to get a permit but have forgotten the names of the persons that have the power to grant them.

Birds are behind time this spring on account of the cold weather. Brant have been very abundant but were all old birds and would not come in. The first appearance of stone buds is a Black bellied Plover and Semiplanated Sand Plover were on the Island when I arrived. There are quite a number of Bonapartes Gull out in the bay and three that I shot are in the breeding plumage. There are some Gannets about but they are very shy. Found two Pectoral Sandpiper on the meadow and I think that they must have wintered here as I left several late last Nov. and these two were seen the last of Dec. Very truly yours  
C. A. Horn

J. P. Colver

Apr. 22 - 1887

Moumoy Island, July 21<sup>st</sup> 1887.  
Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,

I have two skins ♂ & ♀ of Little Sand-  
piper, that I made up to day. The ♀ is  
first class in breeding plumage, I should  
judge, and the ♂ has legs quite badly  
shattered. Do you want the pair  
for 2.25? I thought you might  
want them for your mounted collection.  
If you wish to see them before  
purchasing, I will send them to  
you, and if you do not wish them  
you can leave them at Mr. Weston's.

Very truly yours  
John A. Brown.

J. C. Cahoon

July 21, 1882



Boston, Mass. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1857  
Mr William Brewster:-

Dear Sir,

I send you the skin to day  
by mail. I found the outer  
web of the outer tail feathers  
all white so I think it must be  
a Forster's (S. forsteri) I enclose  
tag for same, and think the  
bird worth 100. It was a very  
poor skin and I was obliged  
to make it over. - I have been  
figuring up for a 4 mo trip  
along the Florida Keys and  
I can't make it less than  
5000. That is charging 50.00  
per mo for my wages, fare to  
Key West and return, boat, man  
hire (cheap man) food, and outfit  
For a 6 months trip it might be  
made for 10000 per mo. I will  
go to Alaska for 60.00 per mo. and  
you pay expenses.

Very truly yours  
John C. Horne.

J. P. Colburn

Dec. 12. 1851

Yours for circulation

Wm. W. Allen

h

r

8

Worcester, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

Mr. Wm. Brewster:

Dear Sir,

If you wish I will go up  
to St. John for a week  
or two after birds. Will go  
for \$100 per day and expenses  
th. if you would rather I  
will make a price for  
the trip, I will go up  
and if I don't get any  
birds, will only charge  
for the expenses of the  
trip. What do you think of it?

Very truly yours  
John C. Johnson

J. C. Cahoon

Dec. 28. 1888

Cusset, Newfoundland June 24, 1877.

Mr William Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Your letter in relation to collecting trip has only just reached me. I left word with the Post office officials at St Johns to forward my mail to you at Percentia which has been my headquarters for several weeks past and he forgot to do it and it was only a short time ago that I got word to him to forward it and I accordingly your letter yesterday. I shall be pleased to make the trip for you providing it does not interfere with the Percentia plan. I don't know how long he wishes me to collect out here, I can collect through Sept and November at I think and if he wishes me to collect until cold weather that will use up all of my time. I had

J. G. Carhon  
June 27, 1887

intended to stop up here until cold weather and if Mr. Balthazard did not wish me to collect for him after the last of August I should work for myself. I will ~~write~~ write to Mr. Balthazard and as soon as I hear from him will let you know will let you know whether I shall have time to collect for you.

The schooners go out to the banks about October and I think their trips are about 3 weeks. I think I could get a chance to go out in one. From here I go to the west coast. And I do not know whether there are any schooners going from that coast. They go mostly for St. Johns and Placentia. If I went from the west coast it would save the expense of going to St. Johns which would cost about 12.00 on the steamer. I am well acquainted with a man in Placentia that sends out several schooners and I am sure to

would give me a chance on his  
fact if happened to be going  
but when I wished to go I  
should want 250 per day and if pass  
I don't think the sp. game would  
be high as they like poor on  
these Newfoundland seewomen.

Please to enclose the pay,  
for Duck Hawk in envelope  
and send to my address at  
Taynton, Mass.

I am having fair success out  
here but the weather is very  
bad. There has been few days  
that I has not rained a part  
of the day, since I arrived  
at Newfoundland. It is not  
pleasant camping out in a  
tent in rainy weather. The  
fishermen say this is the worst  
season that they have of season  
for a long time.

Very truly yours  
J. Carson

My address will be, Sandy Point  
St. George Bay Nfld.



Bay of Islands, N. F. Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1889

Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Brewster:

Dear Sir,

Your favor of July  
23<sup>rd</sup> is received to-day. I was  
expecting to start for home  
Tuesday as I had heard  
nothing from you. I will

take the next steamer,  
which will leave on Thursday  
next, for Placentia or

St. Johns and get started  
as soon as possible from  
there for the banks. I shall  
telegram to you Monday  
even 75.00 as I am quite  
short of money at present  
and it is no use to depend  
upon money to bring it there

When one is in a Camp I  
think I am yet started about  
the first of Sept, but can't  
say whether I shall have a  
chance to make two trips  
or not. Sept is usually a  
windy month, however, I will  
blotter best that I can. I got out  
one day a few miles from  
Cusset, a small fishing  
town on the South coast  
and if the fog had continued  
I could have got a large  
number of Succinators, Jaggies,  
etc. I collected a few  
specimens for Mr. Botsford.  
They come in very near  
the shore in a fog. I think  
you had better write me  
a letter just as soon as you  
convenient, and I may get  
it before I get out. I direct  
to St Johns, if not at that  
address to be forwarded to

Placentia, 3

Since I came out to this coast we have had very fine weather. Most of the birds are now in good plumage on account of moulting, and the most of them are young birds. My last collecting ground was at Cape St Mary's, where a large number of sea birds breed. It would have been better to stay there but I expected that this was the last coast. While out at Cape St Mary's I climbed to the top of "Bull Island" a nearly perpendicular rock (300) feet high. The fishermen say no one ever before climbed to the top and that two men have been killed in the attempt. The Gunnys and Murres nearly carried me

off of the Island and I was  
obliged to fight my way  
with a club. I could not  
get down from the top and  
was obliged to be taken  
off to the mainland by  
means of a block and  
ropes. The fishermen  
look upon me as a wonderful  
man out this way and  
will do anything for me  
in the way of helping me  
to get birds -

Do you still think  
of going to London this  
Autumn?

I know that this has  
been an exceptionally bad  
season as I saw in  
the log book at the Cape  
St. Mary's light-house  
and I could not find, as  
far back as I looked, a  
season with as much

in as the <sup>5</sup>last, I have had  
 considerable experience  
 with the Newfoundland  
 fishermen and I find  
 they are not to be depended  
 on. Not only are they lazy  
 but they are dirty and  
 poor sailors.

Very truly yours  
 John C. Robinson

J. G. Cook

Aug. 17, 1888

Placentia, N. F. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1889

Mr. Wm Brewster: -

Dear Sir, -

I leave here tomorrow for the Banks and shall probably be gone about four weeks. Fish are quite scarce so they are making long trips. The schooner I go in is a large fine American built and the best that sails from Newfoundland. The Captain tells me that birds have been unusually scarce this summer owing to the scarcity of fish. They are however, likely to be more plentiful in Sept. The \$100.00 came to hand all right. It is deposited in the Bank at St. Johns and I can draw on it when I please.

I was fortunate enough to have a plenty of <sup>load, dry</sup> cartridges cotton, etc on hand. I brought out 1500 loaded shells and after collecting about 600 (more.)

have 1000 left - Into a number  
of my birds were shot with  
my 32 cal. bl. When you write  
direct to Placenta H. F. Co  
San Antonio. I will keep a  
sharp look out for the  
Great Spua. and other  
rare birds. Hope we may  
have some moderate  
weather so that I can do  
some good collecting. I  
expect we shall <sup>have</sup> some  
good flows in Sept. I may  
get a chance to send a  
letter to you from the Coast  
by some American  
Schoner. If I can I will  
write and let you know  
how I am doing

Very truly yours  
John Calton.



J. C. Calhoun

Aug. 30-1889

Placentia, N. Y., Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir,

I arrived here two days ago from the banks. I found a letter from you dated Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> in which you say you will probably be away from Cambridge until Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - I wrote this letter to you which will not reach Cambridge much before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> so that you may know how I have succeeded on my trip - I have 103 birds or about that number, and I think about fourteen different species -

I took a Shearwater, in size about that of the Greater, which if not affected with albinism, must be new. The color is very light - eyes dark, feet more of a pinkish tint than the Greater. I did not measure the bill but should judge it to be a little shorter than the Greater - I collected a good series of Jaegers in different plumages - Petrels, Murre and Wilsons, Shearwaters, Greener and Sooty, the latter which

J. C. Cahoon

Sept 30. 1883

was scarce, <sup>2</sup> a few gulls and  
terns, and three Fulmars, the  
only ones I saw and I was  
fortunate to get them all. I  
saw but one Skua, and the  
reason that I did not see more  
was I think, because it was  
too early. The fishermen who  
know this bird by the name of  
"Marble-headed" say that they  
do not see them before the  
middle or last of Oct and I  
do not think they are plentiful  
at any time. I should have  
got some if there were any  
about. The first three weeks was  
pleasant weather, so that I could  
get out in a day or part of nearly  
every day, with the exception of  
three or four days, that was lost  
on account of calm weather  
getting to the fishing grounds.  
The last week it blowed  
very fresh nearly every day -  
so that there was only one day  
the day we started back, that  
I could go out. You will see  
by my note books about the  
weather, etc. Knowing that you  
are not very far from here

<sup>the</sup>  
The common bird I have great  
care in making up the skins.  
The birds were very fat and were  
usually soaked before getting  
them on board, so that it required  
considerable time in washing  
and cleaning them. Fearing  
that if opened on the belly the  
feathers might get stained by  
the fat I opened all of them  
with the exception of the Petrels  
under the wing. I also made  
hard boards and wired them  
so their necks would not  
get twisted. I think that you  
will find them a great improvement  
on my other skins. I made the  
bodies rather large in the  
first ones, but the most of them  
are good. I made a large water  
tight chest before I started and  
I was glad that I did, for every  
inch of the schooner was in  
use for fish and only for my  
but I could not have kept  
them dry. I shall keep the birds  
and bring them home when I come  
I had plenty of cash to ~~take~~ carry  
me through yesterday but left  
(over)

Shall not - probably reach Boston  
until November. My address  
will be Placentia.

Very truly yours  
John Calhoun

94 Broadway St

New York, N.Y., Feb. 10. <sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr Wm. Brewster:

Dear Sir -

I have a lot of Florida bird skins that I have purchased. Among the lot are a few *Myadestes* kites and four Ivory-billed Woodpecker. The latter I have just made over. Three of them a ♂, and two ♀s are pretty good birds, the fourth is a ♀ in worn plumage. They have full data, locality, date and sex. They are certainly very rare in the south and I thought you might like them for your collection. If you will take the four, I will sell for 25.<sup>00</sup>. Three of them I value at 7.<sup>00</sup> each and the fourth at 4.<sup>00</sup>. I am making up several kites which are probably *M. mississippiensis* but they do not correspond exactly to Ridgway's description. They were taken on the west coast of Florida.

I have a man in Florida that will collect for me a good series of *Dendroica* mols, eggs, and young. Would you like to take

The price will be reasonable.

I got as far as Galveston on my  
Brownsville trip. I was sick when  
I started, and when I got to Galveston  
I was so miserable that I returned  
home. I shall work here at  
Tapidary until April 1<sup>st</sup> and then  
I shall go away on a collecting  
trip. If you wish I will send  
the wood specimens for your  
approval.

Very respectfully yours  
John A. Deane

July. 10. 1890

John A. Deane



97 Beane St.

New York, N.Y., Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr. Wm Brewster  
Dear Sir

I send you the four woodpeckers  
by express to-day. I also send you  
two of a Florida Marsh Hawk and  
a Florida Red-sh. Hawk. They were  
made up by the party that is going  
to get the series of Florida Bunting  
but. He makes up a very good skin  
I will let you know when they  
come in and I am certain  
they will suit in quality and price  
I am always willing to send  
skins for inspection. If the  
woodpeckers do not suit you may  
return them at my expense. If you  
wish the hawk to be with Marsh  
Red-sh. .75

Very respectfully yours

Wm Brewster

P.S. Did the Shearwater turn out to  
be an albino?

JCB

John C. Cahoon.

Feb. 17. 1890.

New York N.Y. Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr. Wm. Brewster:

Dear Sir,

Your favor with check enclosed is received, and I thank you for same. I will look out for your interest in nice skins from Florida. There are some good rare birds yet in Florida and I think I know about where they are. Where they are ~~though~~ is a hard place to live. One must fight mosquitoes, go without food and water, and spend half of his time wading through water. I have at present two very fine 'kites (very poor) and I am informed that where they come from, they are common. I have a bird that I am sure is new to the N.A. fauna. It is the Plumbeous Kite and was shot on the south western coast of Florida. When you are back from Florida please let me know, and if I am not away I will send a list of what I have. If I am away will do so when I return. I am ~~thinking~~ ~~strongly~~ of a second trip to New ~~found~~

this spring - Hoping that you will  
have a pleasant trip I remain

John C. Cahoon  
July 20. 1890.

Respectfully yours  
John C. Cahoon.

# BRISTOL BRANTING CLUB,

MONOMOY ISLAND, MASS.

P.O. Address, Harwichport, Mass.

Taunton Mass April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890  
Mr Wm. Brewster:  
Dear Sir:

I have a small lot of Florida  
Bird Skins that I am desirous of  
disposing of. They are a lot that I  
have made over this last winter and  
repoisoned and are nearly all very  
good skins. I enclose a list with  
prices and discounts that to include  
the lot, and if you wish will  
send them on for your inspection.

If you wish to see the Plumage  
plate I would be pleased to send  
it to you. Please let me hear  
from you soon as I am getting  
ready and shall leave soon for  
Newfoundland.

Very truly yours  
J. C. Cahoon

John C. Cahoon.

April 23. 1890.

John C. Coakron

April 26. 1890.

Taunton Mass April 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mr Wm. Brewster

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> received. I will send the kite to you either to-day or Monday.

Sorry that you do not want the lot of birds as I think them a nice lot. I understand what you mean about the data and I am very careful in regards to same. I am certain that the data on these skins are authentic so far as they go. which in most gives date, locality, and sex. The ~~two~~ several that had no sex are in such deplorable plumage that I thought they would be good for study. However I think I can send them to Germany

What is the adult plumage of the Everglade kite. One is very

dark, nearly black on the breast  
much darker than the other  
two and I thought it might  
be an adult. Thanking you  
for promptness in answering my  
letter I remain

Very truly yours  
John Calhoun



BRISTOL COUNTY ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

Prosopis  
Spina-Mexico

This town about which I have collected is situated on the table lands between two mountain ranges.

The mountains which are on the east and west are about 10 miles from the town. The mountain on the east is covered with pine timber, on the west with a thick growth of mesquite bushes and cactus plant.

A small river runs down from a cañon, northwest of the town, and past the western edge of the town.

At the town the water is taken, from the river in brooks that water the

Cultivated land adjoining  
I have collected a few  
miles up the river in the  
cañon and in the thickets  
along the brooks.

The trees about the water  
are mezquite, cottonwood,  
willow, and in several places  
orange and fig-

The sides of the hills  
and cañon and the land on  
the east side of the town  
is covered with mezquite  
bushes and several kinds  
of cactus.

The elevation of Oposura  
is about 1750 ft.  
Lat  $29^{\circ} 40'$  long.

John C. Cahoon

John C. Cahoon  
Description of Oposura