answered CW
April 12, 1903

Wollaston Dr. Boston
Apr 12. 1903

Dear Mr. Brewster.

In looking over my bird notes for arrivals & departures at Magnolia I came across some for the Cambridge region, which may possibly be of interest to you although you have had so many record breakers lately that I dare say they are of no value. However, I send them on the chance.

[I have entered these in the Lys. Notes as 1 bird in each case -

Fox Sparrow
Red Wing } have no locality

W.D.]

Bene bird . Arlington Feb 22. 1882

(1 seen) Many land yellow throat Arlington (Stevens Ground) Nov 8. 1879

[Phoebes 1 shot] Brewer Belmont Nov 15. 1878

(1 seen) Tree Swallow. Belmont Oct 17. 1878.

Cat bird Arlington Oct 6. 1878

Fox Col. Sparrow Mch 6. 1878.

Red Wing b. b. Mch 9. 1878.

Mr. J. R. Mann tells me he heard & saw a pine Creeping warbler at Arlington on March 29th of this year -

Yours.

Chas. Emerson -

Yemassee St. Boston.
May 9. 1904.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I must let you know that I obtained from a farmer at Ipswich yesterday a Bronze plover that he had shot but a short time before. Isn't that a great bird! I suppose he had wandered north with other shore birds. Winter Yellow legs were abundant & very much in evidence with their whistling. I also saw 6 or 7 least sand pipers, 3 black bellied plover & 1 semipalm-plover. The latter could not I suppose

Townsend – C.H.
May. 9. 1904.

have been a Wilson's plover as I heard its familiar call note, & ~~the~~ the books say the Wilson's plover has a very different note.

Yrs. truly

Yrs.
C. H. Townsend.

CHARLES W. TOWNSEND, M.D.
76 MARLBOROUGH ST., BOSTON.
OFFICE HOURS,
2.30 TO 3.30 P.M.

Aug 15. 1906 –

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I want to congratulate you very much on the successful completion of your great work on the Birds of the Cambridge Region. I have been so busy since I came back from Labrador a few days ago that I have not had time to look at the book, but I hope to be able to get

at it before long, & I am
expecting a great treat.
We had a fine time
in Labrador — most
interesting in every
way — and a great
deal to tell.

Yours very sincerely
Charles W. Townsend.

Please return

Belmont St. Boston
Sept. 13. 1906.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have been reading your "Birds of the Cambridge Region" at my solitary meals and have just finished it. It is unnecessary to tell you how much I have enjoyed it, and I can thoroughly appreciate how much work it represents.

That it will always be a valuable book of reference to the bird life in Cambridge

during the past and at the present time goes without saying. It will also serve as a model of careful and thorough work for all writers of local lists.

I hope you are having a delightful time in the country. As for myself, — English Sparrows are about the only birds I see. However, I am living in the remembrance of Labrador —

Yours very sincerely,

Charles W. Townsend.

76 Marlboro St. Boston.
Jan 1. 1907.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I should be much obliged if you will submit the matter to the Council. I should need the lantern for the first talk only — a general description of the Labrador Coast + animal areas, 60 lantern slides. In case the Council decide against it, I will omit that talk + give the second only (notes on the birds).

Wishing you a happy New Year

Yours Charles W. Townsend.

76 Marlborough St. Boston.
March 1. 1907.

Dear Mr Brewster,

I have been looking into the subject of lanterns and find that an excellent lantern, Barlow lens, using Electricity, can be bought of A. D. Handy 12 Bromfield St for $50.

At 20 ft it gives a field about 6 x 7 ft with very good definition. It is easily managed and it would I think be an excellent investment.

for the Nutall Club.

Many of the members take photographs, and with a good lantern there would be an inducement to bring lantern slides to the meetings.

I intend to bring this matter up at the next meeting, but I have written for this in case I should be prevented from coming.

Yours Sincerely,

Charles W. Forward.

76 Marlborough St. Boston.
August 17. 1907.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

You will be interested to hear that I shot an adult ♀ leucoronchidis at Ipswich which will prove, I think, to be an unusually interesting specimen for study. It was feeding one young, and one only — I watched them for 3/4 of an hour before shooting — which I also shot. It was a Chaetoptera.

I also saw an adult Horned Lark at Eagle Hill & 2 Caspian Terns on Ipswich beach.

But my Mouthis McCatum is over

I am sorry to say, I am
sick at work in Boston.

I was very glad to hear
from Mr. Drew over the
telephone the other day that
you had been at Lundy's —
I hope your work on the
sides of that reform is
progressing.

It looks as if Brewster's
Island would come in
of our peculiar Non-Yard sides!

Very sincerely,
Charles W. Tomson —

Boston 76 Marlboro St.
Aug 20. 1907.

Dear Mr. Brewster

Since writing you about my supposed leucohoach. I am growing doubtful, from considering it leucohoach with links between it and chrysoptera as I first supposed, I am not sure but it may turn out to be merely a very light tinted ♀ chrysoptera.

Francis Allen & Spelman to whom I showed it at Sponich thought it was leucohoachialis, and if it

is it is an unusually
interesting specimen.
I hope to go over the series
in your collection with
Mr. Drane soon so as
to be able to decide.
I merely wish here to
retract the positive statement
I made first.

Very sincerely,
Charles W. Leonard.

76 Mount Vernon St. Boston.
March 11. 1908.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I am perfectly willing to have both the records you refer to cancelled if the Council see fit, but I am satisfied that these records are good for the following reasons:

1st. 3 Gray a female Baldpates at Ipswich Oct. 20, 1907. These were seen by me again on Oct. 27 in the same place. Glover Allen & Nichols were with me the second time. I feel almost sure that Dr. John Phillips told me that he saw them also, but I can not confirm this latter statement for Dr. Phillips is abroad.

Furthermore I identified the birds with Zeiss binoculars (not opera glasses) and a telescope, and I had good chances to study them as they flew up in the water to flap their

wings, or tipped up & showed their under coverts & lower bellies.

2d The Jamaica plain ducks.
There is no doubt but that these birds had blue gray & not white wing marks, hence it was a matter of size to determine whether they were Ring-necks or Red heads. Knowing there were mallards, Blacks & Ruddies on the pond I carefully compared specimens of all five species in my collection before going to the pond, and again on my return. The birds were all seen close together, at times not more than sixty yards off so that I was able to compare their sizes. I say in my notes made on the spot: "They are much larger than E. jamaicensis of which I near, & not much smaller

than Mallards & Blacks -- So I concluded they were all Redheads

I should like to see three of Gadwalls & Seven Ring necks very much!

Don't mind throwing out the records - I shall not feel hurt the least bit, but I am satisfied I used due care, & had good strong glasses & was not engaged in hunting for eggs, shooting or photographing at the same time

Yours

Charles W. Townsend.

March 16. 1909.

Wheatland's St. Boston.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

In referring to my notes I find several points not mentioned by Allen last night in the courtship actions of the Whistler. I have also seen these actions in November, an example of the "autumnal recrudescence of the amatory instinct". I mentioned very slightly these actions in the "Birds of Essex Co" but I had not then made any study of them.

Willis H. Moore, Scotch Lake,

N. B. in Bird Lore, Oct, 1900, vol II, p. 157.

gives a brief description of these courtship actions and describes the note emitted. I did not read this volume of Birdlore until after I published Essex Co

We certainly had an interesting meeting last night.

I hope you will write out your paper on the courtship of the Golden-eye & read it at the N.O.C.

Yours

Charles W. Townsend.

The first time I heard this ~~note~~ song of the Whistler was March 6th, 1906 –

Mellwallnaught St. Boston

Nov 11. 1909.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have had sent me a head and portion of the skin of a Ruffed Grouse typical in plumage but with a red bare patch also the eyes. The head of scrotum showed this bare patch almost no orbital fine preserved to the extent of a comb as in the Spruce Partridge. Both birds were shot in this state. Yours Brewer

Even from this photo it is
possible that the presence
of this patch in a bird
otherwise typical of Brown
indicates hybridism with
the Spruce Partridge? Is
there any chance of hybridism
with the European Black Grouse?
The first head (i.e. with no skin attached) was somewhat
larger than Brown which made
one think of the Black Grouse

Very truly
Charles W. Townsend.

CHARLES W. TOWNSEND M.D.
76 MARLBOROUGH ST BOSTON
OFFICE HOURS.
2.30 TO 3.30 P.M.

March 17. 1910.

Dear Brewster,

It was on March 15th 1910 about 5 in the afternoon that I saw the Horned Grebe in the Back Bay basin of the Charles River about a hundred or a hundred & fifty yards off the end of Fairfield St. It appeared to be in adult or partially adult plumage, although I could not see the color of the lower neck as I had no glasses & the light was bad. It was actively diving (with wings closely folded as it went under water) & appeared on one occasion to be eating a small fish. Our new members & our dinner last night were certainly successes!

Yours
Charles W. Townsend.

Nahant Mass. Boston.
July 6. 1910.

Dear Brewster,

I have just read with much interest your reply to Wright about the Red-legged Black Duck and it seems to me that your arguments are all good & most excellently & moderately stated. Particularly you make it clear that he has only one breeding bird to found his evidence on, & that as you show may have been an escaped park bird.

The nine I read and

observe & think on the subject,
the more interesting a one it
seems to me, & the less I
wish to state any opinion.
I am sure that Dr. Wright
deserved an answer to his
paper, & he was fortunate
to have such a courteous adver-
sary as yourself.

When can you fix with me
to see the Yew oak grain of
Black Wicks in So Sudbury?
I have not seen them for some
time & am anxious to look
them over with you

Yours Sincerely,
Charles W. Tomlins

BOSTON, MASS.
JUL 14
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1910

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To
Mr Wm Brewster.
Brattle St.
Cambridge
Mass.

I saw the Bl. ducks yesterday for
& am very much interested in
their progress which seems now
to be having out your views. I
must try to see them again in Oct or
Nov.

Yrs.
C. W. Townsend.

July 14. 1910.

Helwalbro St. Boston.
May 3. 1911.

Dear Brewster,

I was much interested and amused by your letter. Of course it was the only thing to do, & I am only sorry that the notice of Thayer's talk could not have been given so that nine members could have been present. The Morgan can wait till next time. I am sincerely sorry for Thayer, but as he is so supremely confident of himself and his theory, I dare say he does not need sympathy. What you say about his expressions of absolute truth and absolute fact as regards his theories, goes to show of course how daft

tho fine man has become on the subject.

I am sure we did right in discussing with him, although like you I thought at first it was wise to say nothing. I hope he will not come again! He can not accuse us of being faint-hearted like F. H. A.! I only hope that I was not discourteous. I was sorry & lean hope it was not, but I had to make a late visit.

Thank you very much for the Copy of the Condor, & I enjoyed reading your paper again.

Yours

Charles W. Townsend

Wellesley Hills, Boston.
August 23. 1911.

Dear Brewster,

I hope you have not forgotten that you are coming down to spend a Sunday with me at Ipswich. There has been a white egret, so I'm told, there lately & stilt sandpipers & others at Clark's pond. I shall be most delighted to have you come any time that is convenient to you if you

will set the date -
I heard from Glover Allen
what a good time you
had with the kids of the
Atlantic.
I have finished my paper
on the Black Duck & have
three titles for it which I
offer for your criticism
"The Validity of Brewster's Red-legged
Subspecies of Black Duck".
or
"The Black Duck - a vindication
of Mr. William Brewster"
Perhaps you can give me a
better one — I left

with Diane a copy of "Captain Cartwright and his Labrador Journal" for you thinking you would not care to be troubled with it while you were visiting. It has just come out.

I had a delightful time in my vacation going with my whole family for a four weeks trip to St John & the river. We stayed at several places on

the river & I got a
fairly good idea of the
Summer bird fauna.
Bobolinks & Hudsonian
Chickadees in the same
tree seemed a queer
combination! There is a
good deal that it is southern
in this sheltered valley.
Hoping you can arrange
to come to Ipswich,
Very sincerely,
Charles W. Townsend

The Headlands N. Boston
August 28, 1911.

Dear Brewster,

I am delighted that you can spend Sunday September 10th at Ipswich. As to trains – I shall probably take the 3.30 train Saturday afternoon & shall look for you on that.

Thank you for your criticism of the title of the Black Drop paper and I think you are

entirely right. Perhaps you can suggest some little

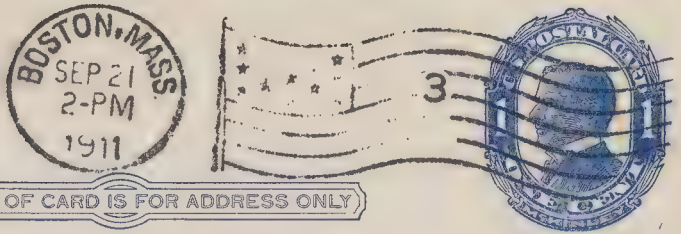
where we meet.

Glover Allen & his wife have just spent Sunday with us at Ipswich, and a fine mocking bird was flying about close to the house when we left. Two were seen yesterday!

Looking forward with great pleasure to your visit

Very sincerely

Charles W. Townsend.



Mr. Wm Brewster.
Concord -
Mass.

1911 – Sept 21. 76 Mullins

I said I had not seen jackies catch
fish but I find in my notes that
I saw one in the Back Bay Basin. Splash
its whole body into the water & emerge
with "what looked like a small silvery
fish". They are certainly enterprising
kids! I enjoyed my Sunday with you all
at Dorrich very much –

Yrs –
Ch. Tomlins

76 Beacon St. Boston
Jan 28. 1912

Dear Brewster,

We missed you very much at the Promises feast which was most interesting, satisfying and winning. I think that your cold is better.

I have just read your full Fugitive paper with great pleasure, and as I have heard you read it twice and have also talked with you about it, I feel fairly conversant with the subject. I think you have expressed the whole thing admirably, & I suspect that all the theories

You mention may have a hand in the matter.

It occured to me that it might be interesting to send a reprint of the paper to an Aeronautical magazine & thereby obtain possibly an interesting review and criticism

I have not heard today from any of the Wrighters but I trust they all survived!

Sincerely.

Charles W. Furnas

Seal Nest Brint about ½ way
between Cape Whittle & Hamington.
July 16. 1915.

Dear Brewster,

Just a line to tell you I am having the time of my life on this trip. Harold St John, Brainard, & I are cruising along the Coast in a little 40 ft schooner under a Captain who knows every rock & who takes great interest in following Audubon's steps. I have his Labrador journal with me & we read it frequently. We have been on two islands that had not been disturbed & where the Capt said the conditions were the same as 30 yrs ago. Cormorants, double crested, about 600 nests on one island and 400 on the other containing eggs & young of all ages. Many of the old birds allowed us to come fairly near. Among these on both islands were one or two thousand murres - many ringbill and Eggs everywhere. Razor-billed auks, Black Guillemots, Eiders & Great Bl. backed gulls on the periphery. Auks are abundant

everywhere. I have seen & run
Caspian Terns & the Cape. hopes to
show me an island where they
breed. — le grand esterlet. Today
I visited an island on which
at least 400 Ring billed gulls ("mewe") were
breeding, obtained photographs &
eggs, young & adults.

One of my most interesting experiences
was that of spending five days with
M. Johan Beetz — the Belgian who
has been on the Coast at Castle Bay
since 1896. A most delightful
family — I enjoyed studying his
collection of birds & found no less
than six hitherto unrecorded
for the Bermuda.

You can imagine my time
is well occupied. We have had
much bad weather — one severe
gale but were fortunately in a
secure basin surrounded by islands.
The Captain is a delightful man

are in whom we have the greatest
confidence. There is a post
office & telegraph station & fishing
post here — all in one house
the only one for miles along the
coast. A little schooner will
call here in a day or two for
the mail. We occasionally
get news of la guerre in an
official telegram if, as here
we come to a station. But the
war seems to have passed out
of our lives to be but a bad
dream of the past.

We hope to get to Blanc Sablon
about July 29th & I shall
take a steamer on the 31st July
to Newfoundland & so home.
Best wishes to all — The Capt
is going ashore now to mail!

Sincerely
Charles W. Townsend

May 10, 1918.

Dear Brewster,

I am very sorry I did not get to see you before you went away to Concord — but I put it off until it was too late. I was very glad to hear from Stony & Miller that you were better & I am sure the trip at Concord will help you a great deal.

I am planning to get out a supplement to my Birds of Essex County to appear in 1920 on the 15th anniversary of its original appearance. I have a number of species to add & a great many dates & notes — the observers in Essex County have increased.

There were no members of the A.O.U. in the County in 1905 & now there are eight.

I hope the Club will publish it for me, but I am writing to you to say that I do not wish to interfere with the publication by the Club of your Birds of Kinkaid which should of course have precedent. Please let me know.

I intend to bring up the matter at the Council meeting next time if you have no objection.

You will be glad to hear that
we have at last secured plenty
of Bent & Barbour by Backhouse
& he fitted in to the great Jump
& you will receive your copy in
due time.

I wish you could have been
at my house when we
celebrated Whitier's 70th birthday.
He was as youthful & happy &
charming as ever —

I went out to the Concord
Arboretum Wednesday morning hope
I to listen to the mocking bird

Mrs & Mrs given a great treat.
He sang and danced magnificently.
I recognized the mimicked calls & songs of 21 birds
& if my ear had been better I should
have recognized still more. These were
Blue jay, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Song sparrow,
Flicker, Red eyed vireo, Red sh. Hawk
Cat-bird, Bob White, Kingfisher, Bittern
Cock Carolina wren, Field Sparrow,
Crow, wood pewee, Barn Swallow, Chimney
Phoebe, Blue bird, oriole, Tanager.
Some of the imitations were
wonderfully good.
Also saw & heard a Tennessee Warbler.
I trust you are seeing some good things.
It must be beautiful in Concord now
Bring hot rolls

Yrs
Charles W. Townsend.

✓ Merula migratoria

"Feb 16. 1878 Arlington Mass.
Came upon a flock of 6 or a 7 robins
(probably here) Found a great many,
there in a cedar wood & by the
roosting in the snow, it is probable that
they passed the night here. They were all
utterly their call & alarm notes, frequently
& loudly. Many were singing well & over
the last part of their song but not giving
it entire, while two or three were singing
the whole of their summer song. The
noise was great & it sounded very queerly
to hear the familiar summer song of
the Robin when the ground was covered
deeply with snow. Most of the
robins appeared in fine plumage
with yellow bills."

[Dr. C. W. Townsend]

76 Marlboro St. Boston,
Aug. 24th 1903.

Dear Mr. Brane,

Sayonis Black, I shot at Belmont Nov 15. 1878.

J. Lincoln, I shot at Belmont Oct 17. 1878.

G. Tichas "saw one at Arlington Nov 8th 1879; shot on ground".

Can you tell me about two minature horned larks supposedly Brane sent you by

24 Aug 03 ②

Mr T. L. Bradlee taken by him in Ipswich on August 1st. He writes me they were the northern variety, but I suppose he is mistaken. I shot at Ipswich on Aug 13th a young Raine Horned Lark & Hoffman saw two adults & one young on Aug 9th. So to him belongs the priority of discovery. H. was with me on the 13th also. H. saw the Lark as of the Raine H. L. had pushed on its breeding place to Ipswich. I have just returned from my vacation today, but expect to go down for Sundays.

Best yrs & Mrs. Deane

Come down Saturday afternoon
Aug 29th
& spend Sunday with us?
Mrs. Lummis & I will
be delighted to have you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Lummis.

Townsend, C. W.
Aug. 24, 1903