

Lincoln Maine July 8, 96

Mr W. M. Brewster

Dear Sir

I send you a list of sets with
nests that I have collected
this season, if there is any
among them that you want
I shall be pleased to send them
to you at $\frac{2}{3}$ Taylors new
Standard Catalogue rates

Yours Very Truly
Walter J. Clayton

Clayton-Walter J.
 July 8th. 1896

567	Slate colored Junco	1/4
584	Swamp Sparrow	2/4 n 1/5
614	Tree Swallow	1/4 1/5 n
616	Bank Swallow	1/4 1/5
619	Cedar Waxwing	n 1/3
624	Red-eyed Vireo	n 2/3
629	Blue headed Vireo	3/4 n
645	Nashville Warbler	1/4 2/5 n
648	Parula Warbler	1/3
654	Black-throated Blue Warbler	n 2/4
659	Chestnut-sided Warbler	1/3 5/4 n
681	Maryland Yellowthroat	n 1/3 1/4
687	Am. Redstart	n 4/4 4/5
728	Redbreasted Nuthatch	1/6 1/7 n
735	Chickadee	1/6 n
756	Wilson's Thrush	2/3 1/4 n
758a	Olivebacked Thrush	n 1/2 1/4
759b	Hermit Thrush	1/4 n 1/3
761	Am. Robin	n 1/4

Lincoln Maine July 28

Mr Brewster

Dear Sir

Here is a list of the eggs I now send you

645 Nashville Warbler	$\frac{2}{5}$ @ .66	0,60
542 ^a Savanna Sparrow	$\frac{1}{4}$ @ .10	.40
420 Nighthawk	$\frac{3}{2}$ @ .26	1,56
417 Whippoorwill	$\frac{2}{2}$ @ 1,00	4,00
393 Hairy Woodpecker	$\frac{1}{5}$ @ .50	2,50
364 Am. Osprey	$\frac{1}{3}$ @ .83	.99
372 Sawwhet Owl	$\frac{1}{4}$ @ 3,00	12,00
Savanna Sparrow nest		25-
Nashville Warbler two nests	@ .25	.50
420 Nighthawk	$\frac{2}{2}$ @ .26	\$28,80

\$29,32

Mr. Taylors list price of the Acadian Owl's eggs is \$6,00 I have charged you one half that the other prices are Taylors with $\frac{1}{3}$ deducted

the ~~rests~~ nests I have charged you 25- for, they are not worth collecting for less I send them by Am. Ex. this day, Hoping that they will reach you all right and

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be satisfactory I remain

Yours very truly

Walter J. Clayton

Lincoln Maine Nov. 9, 1896

Mr. W^m Brewster

Dear Sir

I received your letter. ~~But~~ there was but 3 eggs in the set of Flycatchers I sent you. I collected another set that had 4 eggs in it this year and when I wrote you I thought they belonged to this nest but upon looking at the data found that it did not and I now remember that there were but 3 eggs, the other set are plain without any marks or spots and the incubation was further advanced.

The nest I sent you I found finished for the eggs 9 days before the first egg was laid and before that I did not see the birds near the nest.

Allow me to thank you for the generous price you gave me for the nest and eggs as it nearly double list price

Yours very truly
Walter J. Clayton

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Nov. 9th. 1896.

Lincoln Maine May 10, 1897

Mr. Wm. Brewster

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 4th recd. in reply will say an account of rainy and windy weather have not been out much, but found a set of 4 of Sawwhet Owl that were partly incubated but had no difficulty in saving them this set is very different to the set sent last year I will give you the measurements which is not just correct as I have not got a good rule to do it with but this will give you some ideas of them

1st $1\frac{1}{4} + 1$, 2nd $1\frac{5}{16} + 3\frac{1}{32}$, 3rd $1\frac{1}{4} + 3\frac{1}{2}$, 4th $1 + 1\frac{13}{16}$

you will see that the 4th is very small and is more blunt than the rest and was ^{not} incubated any, probably not fertile I found the eggs in a poplar stub about 15 ft. high in a narrow strip of woods between two Lakes I took 5 flying Squirrels from this same hole this winter and upon going by the through place thought I would try the stub upon the first blow from my hand the Owl looked out of the hole I then passed on

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May 10 1897.

thinking perhaps the set was not complete this was
the 23rd of Apr. I went on the 29th the female acted the same
but would not leave the hole and as I climbed up
her head disappeared from the hole upon opening
the cavity found her at bottom of nest and she did not
leave ~~until~~ ^{until} taken from the nest and thrown
into the air she then flew a short distance
and waited until I left when she flew to the hole
and went in there was a freshly killed mouse in the nest
the only resistance of the female was the snapping of her
tiny bill. If you want these eggs at \$3.00 each
shall be pleased to save them for you, they are
perfect in every respect. Have also taken a set of 4
Hairy Woodpecker and have other nests marked but am
not sure of them yet.

Many of our birds have not arrived yet
Least Flycatcher Blackburns Nashville and Parula Warblers
first seen today trees have just begun to look green.

Hoping to hear from you

Remain

Yours very truly

Walter J. Clayton

Lincoln Maine May, 12, 1897. encl

Mr. W^m Brewster

Dear Sir. Having mentioned 7 eggs 3.50
Buy Sparrow Eggs 50
Total 4.00

I shall send you the Nest and 3 sets of eggs by Mondays Exp. hope they will reach you all right.

I have sent you 3 eggs of the Sparrow the ^{4th} one was broken by a Crow blackbird that was standing on the side of the nest when I went to take it, which was the next day after I found it, last year I saw one of these birds catch and kill a full grown Chipping Sparrow and carry it to its nest of young, the sparrow was a young bird but full grown as this is a broken set is not worth much give me what you think they are worth and I will be satisfied enclosed you will find the data for the three

over

Yours very truly
Walter Clayton

Blayton - W. J.

May 14

P.S. May 12. 1897.

I would like to mention that my father has just bought a Fawn it is a very small one think think it must have died at birth it was found dead in the woods and had to be skinned at once.
and I have just taken 8 young Muskrats that had just got their eyes open have made them into skins.
I mention these thinking you may want them

Yours very truly

Walter J. Blayton.

and in for any of
them.

Lincoln, Maine July 9, 1877

Dear Sir,

as collected by you over I send you a list of ^{of your collection} of.

- 263⁷/₄, 360¹/₄, 372¹/₄, 388¹/₃^m, 394¹/₄, 402¹/₄¹/₅¹/₆,
- 420²/₂⁴⁰⁴, 444¹/₃¹/₄^w, 456¹/₆^w, 459²/₃^w, 466¹/₁₄^w
- 498¹/₄^w, 511¹/₄¹/₅^w, 529¹/₄¹/₅^w, 542¹/₄^w, ~~558¹/₃¹/₄^w~~ ^{558¹/₃¹/₄^w}
- 560¹/₄, 581¹/₄¹/₅^w, 613¹/₆, 614¹/₅¹/₆¹/₇, 617¹/₂¹/₁₀^w
- 624²/₃^w, ^{624¹/₄^w}, ^{645²/₄^w}, 648¹/₃, 684¹/₄¹/₅^w
- 657¹/₄^w, 659¹/₃¹/₄^w, 674²/₄^w, 681³/₄^w, 686¹/₄^w
- 687¹/₄^w, 726¹/₆^w, 728¹/₅²/₆^w, 735¹/₇^w, 756³/₄^w
- 758¹/₂¹/₄^w, 759¹/₃, 761¹/₄

One set of 459 has the nest fastened to the limb could send it just as it is if you want it so. I also have a nest of Wilsons Warbler from which I started 5 young birds a short time ago which you may have if you wish.

You was inquiring if the Cape May Warbler nested in Maine I see in June Oologist of a set

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taken at North Yarmouth Me. 1894

Of the man that took it is not mistaken as it appears
he did not take the parents (you made the inquiry some
time ago)

Hoping there may be something

in this list you may want

I Remain

Yours very truly

Walter J. Clayton

Wilmington June 29 89

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 21st of August
and I have this day sent you the eggs
by Ex. I have sent you the Nashville Warbler
eggs you may have them at $\frac{1}{2}$ list price
if you want them if not send them back
at my expense I had one nest which I sent
hope you will get them all right and be pleased
with them.

The Wilson Warbler nest was found
~~June 20~~
~~the 15th~~ 1887 on some dry bushy ground about
100 yds from the R.R. track the nest was
placed on the ground in a bunch of dead ferns
on the side of a small knoll I saw the bird
go to the nest and upon finding me and
my ~~nest~~ that, finding considerable (in nest)
& young birds flew off through the bushes
the parents all the time from

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about very close to me, at first they were very much excited and would flutter by just in front of me but after a while they stood rather still and held their wings in every sense. I looked at them all the time uttering a short sharp note different from that of the Warblers upon retiring a short distance they at once set about feeding the female bringing twice as much as the male who had to stop and sing every little while.

If there is any thing I have left out that you wish to know let me hear from you.

Enclosed you will find the data for the eggs

Yours very truly

W. J. Clayton

P.S.

We have just had an Albinos Cedar Waxwing come in to be worn it is all white except the very tip of its tail which is a pale yellow it is a young bird but in good feather had pink eyes

Lincoln, Maine Aug 5, 1898

Mr. W^m Brewster

Dear Sir

inclosed please find a list of eggs that I have collected this year. the set 151 $\frac{1}{4}$ is damaged 3 of the eggs are cracked they also have large holes $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch across were badly incubated all the cracks are on same side as hole the set 400 $\frac{1}{2}$ also has one cracked egg the crack is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long horizontally between the hole and small end of egg the other eggs are first class and most of the sets have nests to go with them if wanted.

I have found several nests of Least Flycatcher this ^{year} placed on the large limbs of pine trees like a pewee instead of being in forks of saplings as is usual this may be a common occurrence but I never noticed it before. You will also notice by list that I took a very large set of Hermit Thrush's
over

I also found an Olive backed Thrush nest
in a spruce bush with a sort of platform of twigs
over the nest might have been put there to
conceal female on nest or perhaps she started to
build a nest there and then concluded to
build lower down

Hopeing to hear from you
and there is something in
my list you may want
I Remain

Yours very truly
W. J. Clayton

P.S. What would a Medium-sized
Albino Canada Porcupine be
worth to you we are just mounting
one it - white all over nails and all
W. J. C.

Agreed to take
 off covered. us
 prices numbered N. B.

- 151, 1/4 A.O.U. Nos, 5:4, 1/6
- 339, 1/3 all ball. in .98, 687, 1/4 n
- 343, 1/3, 1/3 636, 1/3 n
- 360, 1/4, 1/5 654, 1/4 n
- 412, 1/8 657, 1/4, 2/5 n
- 400, 1/2 652, 2/5 n
- 402, 3/5, 1/6 645, 1/4 n
- 444, 1/3 n 659, 1/4 n
- 459, 2/3 n 728, 1/6
- 466a, 1/4 n 759b, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5 n
- 467, 3/4 n 758a, 2/3, 1/4 n
- 511, 2/4 n
- 542a, 1/4 n
- 558, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5 n
- 560, 1/4 n
- 581, 1/4 n
- 584, 3/5 n
- 629, 1/4 n
- 624, 1/3 n
- 619, 2/4 n

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Aug. 5. 1898.

JOHN CLAYTON,

LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

The mounting of

Moose, Deer & Caribou a Specialty.

Orders by Mail and Express will receive prompt attention.

Prepay Your Express.

Send for tags before shipping heads.

Lincoln, Me., July 9 1899

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir

as the collecting season is about over I thought
I would send you a list of of the eggs I have taken here there
will be some you will not have ^{taken} I have listed this season
I found a set Maryland Yellow throat in a bush about 20 ft from
the ground which I think is unusual the nest was first laid
in the branches, so loose that when I cut they fell away
from it. I also have taken a set of Tennessee Warbler
I have no record for the eggs of this warbler since I set
my traps but they are usually found the birds
are not very common here and are quite
I know of but four pairs that nested in Lincoln this
year they sit well up in the tops of the bushes and
sing in one place and then fly 25 to 75 yds. and sing
again making a rather tiresome work of it
over.

Egg washed ✓
order of W. B. July 26

Made in 40¢
✓ in app.
B.C.S. 1.50
Opposed party
Saw what
Buck

- 339.10, 340.12, 3, 372.15, 375.3
- 420.2, 459.3 1/2, 461.2 3/4, 462.3 1/2, 463.4, 464.5
- 494.6, 619.1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 2 (24.13), 45.15, 645.3/4, 652.1/4
- 654.4, 7.1/4, 667.4, 6.1, 1/4, 65 (1.5), 726.10, 2 1/2 1/6 1/7
- 736.6, 756.4, 759.4

These are copy of the indicated items at 20¢ each
 do not know what this is worth payors price is
 the only one that gives a price that I have seen
 that says \$4.00 now I do not want to charge a big
 price for them but want what they are worth
 the items are in good condition with holes and secured the
 instructions are so is, please let me know if you need
 written list about them as I have sold many
 eggs to you and have been successful with them
 given so you are the only one in the market at
 present Please make an offer for them

Your service,
 W. B. Clayton

Lincoln Maine
 July 9 1911
 W. B. Clayton

JOHN CLAYTON,
LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

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PREPAY YOUR EXPRESS.

Lincoln, Me., July 18 1899

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir

I recd. your letter and in reply will say that I thought that the set with nest and parent birds say to be worth \$2,00 they are a very rare set and I think I could get this price for them from a man in Bangor that I have sold specimens to, it is a desirable set and there are many collections that have not got one so think it is well worth the price

The other sets were as follows

Redshouldered Hawk 3, Broadwinged Hawk $\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{2}$, Sawwhet Owl 5, Gr. Horned Owl 3, Blackbilled — Cuckoo $\frac{2}{3}$ ⁿ, Night Hawk 2, Olive sided Flycatcher $\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{2}$ ⁿ, Alder Flycatcher $\frac{1}{3}$ ⁿ, Least Flycatcher $\frac{1}{3}$ ⁿ, Am. Crow $\frac{1}{4}\frac{2}{5}\frac{1}{6}$, Bobolink, 6ⁿ, Red eyed Vireo, 3ⁿ, Cedar Waxwing $\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{5}$ ⁿ, Savannah Warbler $\frac{1}{5}$ ⁿ, Parula Warbler $\frac{3}{4}$ ⁿ, Yellow Warbler $\frac{1}{4}$ ⁿ,

over

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July, 18. 99.

Blackthroated Blue Warbler 7²² Macmurtrei Warbler 7²²
Blackthroated Green Warbler 7²²; Maryland Yellow-
throat 4²²; Canadian W. Warbler 5²²;
Brown Creeper 0²²; Redbreasted Nuthatch 6/7
Chicadee 6, Wilsons Thrush 3²²
Hermit Thrush 7²²

Will sell these at one half list price
and the nests will be .20 each

If you want them, set with nests are marked²²

Yours very truly

W. J. Clayton

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LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

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PREPAY YOUR EXPRESS.

Lincoln, Me., July 30 1899

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir:

Your order recd. and I have packed the eggs & will send them by Am. Ex. Have sent the Hawks eggs if there is any that you want all right if not you need not feel under obligation to take any as I would be very willing to send them on approval I hope all the eggs will reach you safely and be satisfactory

I will tell you how I came to find the Tennessee Warbler I was going up a lake in a canoe when I heard the Warbler singing. I went over to the place just as I got there it began to rain some he was sitting about in the bushes singing paying no attention to anything unless some bird alighted near a small knoll then he would drive them off and in a few minutes would be back

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In the same place I watched until it began to rain hard then went home as the place is only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from I went there often but only heard the male singing could hardly get a glimpse of him the first time I saw the female it was one day I was going by the place when up she went under a small bush within a short distance of where the male had been keeping the other birds from I watched her a while but she was rather shy acting exactly like a Ashyiff Warbler I let her come back to the nest and then shot her the nest was in a cow pasture partly grown up to bushes there was a spring about 200 yds. from the shore of the lake making a long wet place covered with bushes and coarse grass the nest was on the side of this and abt. 30 yds. from lake

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LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

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it was placed at the roots of a willow bush
and the dead grass that grew quite long
hid it from view unless one got
down and looked in at one side
these are all the particulars that
I think of. If there is anything I
have forgotten that you would like
to know shall be glad to tell you.

Hoping they will reach you
all right I remain

Yours very truly

W. J. Clayton

P.S. Have sent on approval
2/3 1/2 Broad winged Hawk
1/2 1/3 Red Shd. Hawk may have for one
half list price

W. J. C.

Clayton, W. J.

July 30, 1899.

In re Helminthophila
pergrina.

JOHN CLAYTON, ^{No 1}
LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

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PREPAY YOUR EXPRESS.

Lincoln, Me., August 20 1899

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir

The Eggs recd in good condition and
I've paid also your two letters and check
which I thank you for in reply
to your inquiry about the identification
of the Broadwinged Hawks eggs will
say that in every case I drove the female
from the nest then I would go up and
get the eggs the birds were quite tame sitting
about on trees not more than 75-ft. away
some times nearer and all the time making
the low plaintive whistle so peculiar to the
Broadwing and to be confounded with
any other Hawk I know. I did not notice
that the eggs were so large until you spoke of it
but did notice that they resembled the
Red shouldered Hawk in marking especially one set
the nest of the Broadwing is also slightly
different from the Red shouldered there is a very
slight depression and there is more coarse bark

JOHN CLAYTON, No 2
LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

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PREPAY YOUR EXPRESS.

Lincoln, Me., _____ 189__

for lining and often there will be live boughs
of fir or spruce in the nest I am very well
acquainted with these two hawks as they are
common here and some of the sets taken this ^{year}
were found after 5 o'clock P.M. so you will see
that I live where I can study their habits
easily I feel sure that there is no mistake in
the identification of these eggs — I think eggs
vary in size very much I sent a set of
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker to a man about two years ago
he thought I might be mistaken in the identity as
the eggs did ^{not} measure more than some downy
woodpecker's eggs in his collection but I was
sure that it was just as represented.
I have a set of Redbreasted Nuthatch that would
match up with Chickadee's eggs both for size
and color & markings but if sent to any body
they would not be satisfactory. I do not claim
that I do not ^{make} mistakes for I know that I have
especially on some of the Thrushes but the last five years
I have tried to be very careful in identifying

JOHN CLAYTON, No. 3
LICENSED TAXIDERMIST.

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Lincoln, Me., _____ 189_____

all specimens taken as I well know the value of an improperly identified set, the remarks on the datas was rather brief and unsatisfactory shall remedy the fault also the marking of the nests I thank you for mentioning both it seems I was getting a little slack

I wrote Mr. Gilbert how to tell which nest belonged with each set of Canadian Warbler as you probably know. I hope you will excuse me for not writing to you before but we have been very buisy lately finishing some Deer heads to send away and had but a short time to do it in and it is taking longer because we have moved into a new shop and every thing is misplaced

If there is any thing else you wish to know write me. I will not be offended

I appreciate your confidence in my word and I have always tried to be worthy of it

Yours very truly
W. J. Clayton

Over

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Aug. 20. 1899.

Have just recd. for mounting a
Curlew think it is the Hudsonian.
they are very uncommon here do not get
more than one each season