

Wilmington, Dec. 2, 1914

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

We have a trip to Faxon's
Corner with my nephew Fred on the
docket, and Mr. Jackson & his family
are coming to Wex. on Saturday,
I shall not be able to go to Milton this
week.

I notice in 5th ed. of Gray's Manual
Order Smilacaceae. Smilax is declined
Smilax, Smilacis, ect., the root being
Smilac. The ordinal name, therefore,
should be Smilacaceae. Again, Order
Orchidaceae. The genitive of Orchis is
Orchios (Attic, Orchews). There is no s in the
root, and the name of the Order should be
Orchiaceae or Orcheaceae. How do you ac-

count for these barbarisms?

The zoologists are just as bad. They use patronymics for family names. In all their books you find Fam. Troglodytidae, from Troglodytes (Τρωχολόδιος, -ov) of the first Seclension, whereas it should be Troglodytidae. So, Charadriidae (from Χαραδριος) instead of the correct Charadriidae. Shouldn't there be a reform?

While on these funny matters, may I call your attention to the list of food-plants in the Bush Hill Bird-Club Report?

Phamnus dahurica is assigned to North-western Asia; ~~sic~~ Daurica is in North-eastern Asia. Cornus sanguinea, Europe and Eastern Asia. Should this be Europe and Western Asia?

Yours sincerely
Walter Faxon



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