

350 State St.
B'port. Conn.
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Dear Friend Deane:

My opportunities for answering your letter of July 24, have been altogether too insufficient, and I want to apologize for my tardiness. Can't give you quite as much time now as I wish.

Found another colony of *Aristobachis* Desf., but not a flowering or fruiting plant in the lot - perhaps a dozen plants in the lot. Near it grows a small number of plants of *Cornus Canadensis* - second time I have found it here, as it is extremely rare in St. Conn.

Haven't taken many seedlings, but among the number is an abundance of *Liodes* Thres, which grows plentifully on Fairfield beach, etc. *Aristida tuberculosa* is plentiful there, also out of its generally known range. Shall get it in a day or so.

Your idea of studying seedlings through their various phases of foliage & maturity is excellent.

Shall give attention to the subject another season.

Have you bulb(?)-bearing plants of *Pyrospodum lucidulum*, and seedlings with these bulbs attached, etc? Took some a few years ago and have some now, no doubt. You are right about *Rubus strigosus*. It don't grow very frequently - this vicinity, but northward there fringed on the banks and between them; have been filled almost to the teeth many times. It grows by the acre and lines many roadsides in the northern part of the state.

Wish I could get in the white Mts. a short time. The best I could do was to supply a friend with a large supply of sheets and drine and engage him to collect three weeks there. He is putting up a good supply of everything he sees worth taking, so will enlarge my ex. herb. and somewhat, perhaps, my herb. Although an amateur with little knowledge of such things, he has been doing fine work for me elsewhere, and it don't cost me a cent.

Shall try later to give some points concerning the "hoppers", although I don't know very much about their life-history. Have never given any very close study to entomology, and now do little more than

accidental work - that live; such material is I get going to my friends whom I am encouraging to take up that study properly. Your notes on the "hoppers" are decidedly interesting. The metamorphosis of grasshoppers is gradually brought about for the egg & immatures, and they, mate as soon as may be then, the date for it being widely variable and dependent somewhat upon the species. They do frequently die as you have stated, a natural death, and I think generally so. They are not often in numbers sufficient to attract much attention at that time, however, and several circumstances interfere with any precise observations in regard to their dissipation, that would be applicable to a species or group as a whole. My observations have not decided the history, even in these broader features, in a way satisfactory to me.

Probably the author of the song you so well illustrate is the white-throated sparrow, perhaps more commonly called "Peabody bird", from some resemblance in its notes to that name, suggested. A fine adult male is handsome in spring and breeding plumage. They are abundant in Cambridge in the fall, the song being then very noticeable at times! So also in spring.

Am afraid that a number of the plants you desired will not be forthcoming, but there will probably be some others than you indicated.

I don't have so many opportunities as could be wished. You should be able to get Paulownia from Staten Id., N.Y., botanists, for I have seen it there in several places. Will probably be able to direct you to those who can supply certain other of your desiderata, of which more later.

Write when you can,

Sincerely yours

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