

"Fort Davis, Texas. May 27, 1885."

[List of Birds seen between El Paso and Fort Davis, Texas.]

"Coming down from El Paso [Doctor Paul Clendenin rode with troops of the Third U.S. Cavalry from Fort Verde, Arizona to Fort Davis, Texas, accompanied by Dr. Mearns as far as Deming, New Mexico], I did not see many birds x x x I enclose the list of birds I saw as complete as it could be when I would forget half the time to make the memoranda until the next day. However it embraces the birds I noticed.

There is a very pretty Navy blue bird here, with a dull brown mate. What is it? [Sialia or Guiraca
There is a pretty blue-and-black Grosbeak, and a brilliant little red bird here. I saw a large Hawk or Eagle sailing around the crags that rise 150 to 200 feet right back of our quarters." [The "list" is as follows: -] Doctor Paul Clendenin.
^{Large Hawks, darker than Red-tails. Like those we saw.}
Coming into camp at the acequia, near Meson, Arizona: Large Hawks, dark and with a white band across the rump just above the tail. Little bird with a red crown and brick-dust rump (Finch?). A peculiar small red bird (also found near here). Burrowing Owls. A peculiar small bird with a top-knot showing red underneath when erected; also red underneath wings - quills and all - like the Verde Flickers, and a large beak like the Grosbeak's. One Big Owl. A bird about the size of a Blackbird, with a bronze head (top); same color on back of wings and rump; dull brownish on remainder of body.
Shore-Larks, Gambell's Quail Gambell's Sparrow Ravens.
Black-throated Sparrows White-top " Brewer's Sparrow Grass Finches
Mockingbirds Blue Herons } together " Blackbird Killdeers
Shrikes White Herons } Yellow-headed " Scott's Oriole
Curlew Doves. Red-winged " Turkey Buzzards,
Yellow-birds Spring? (like Canaries). White-winged " Red-tailed Hawks,

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"I have not hunted at all until the past week when the Plover have been quite plenty. There are 4 species and perhaps 5: The Killdeer; the Bull or Rock Plover; the Golden; and the Big Gray Plover. Can you identify them? I have also seen just one Curlew, but they say they are plentiful a little later. I have not seen a single Quail. There are some up in the canyons I understand * * * I am going to Targot [?] Creek about 30 miles away to fish; and I will take gun & carbine for Snipe and Antelope.