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John Abbot Collection, undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	John Abbot Collection
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Historical Note

John Abbot (1751-1840?), an Englishman, migrated to America in 1773, settling in Virginia. By 1776 he had migrated to Georgia, where he spent most of the remainder of his life. An ornithologist and entomologist, Abbot is best known for his drawings of birds and insects.

There are five sets of Abbot's drawings of birds in existence. Two sets are in the United States, one at the Boston Society of Natural History and the other at the University of Georgia. Three sets are in England, at the British Museum, the Manchester Library, and the Zoological Museum at Tring (Hertfordshire). There is some confusion on this matter, but evidently all three sets are technically in the possession of the British Museum.

Introduction

This finding aid was digitized with funds generously provided by the Smithsonian Institution Women's Committee.

Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of 130 water-color drawings of birds, making up a sixth set of Abbot drawings. Presumably these drawings are of birds of Georgia. It is not known if these drawings duplicate any of the other known sets, nor is it known how they came to be in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art
Entomologists
Entomology
Ornithologists
Ornithology

Types of Materials:

Scientific illustrations

Names:

Abbot, John, 1751-1840
Boston Society of Natural History
British Museum
Manchester Library
University of Georgia
Zoological Museum (Tring, England)

Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 2	Folder 1 Carolina Vulture. <i>Vultur Atvatus</i> . Length - of Male, 2 feet 5 inches; of Female, 2 feet 3 inches. Head covered with short hairs. Digital Content: Carolina Vulture
Box 1 of 2	Folder 2 Bald Eagle. <i>Falco Leucocephalus</i> . Length - 3 feet 3 inches. It is now a rare bird in Georgia. Digital Content: Bald Eagle
Box 1 of 2	Folder 3 Fish Eagle. Length - 2 feet. Digital Content: Fish Eagle
Box 1 of 2	Folder 4 Mississippi Kite. <i>Falco Misisippiendis</i> . Length - 2 feet. Digital Content: Mississippi Kite
Box 1 of 2	Folder 5 Eagle Hawk. Length - 25 inches. Digital Content: Eagle Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 6 Red shouldered Hawk. <i>F Liniaatus</i> . Length - of Male, 17 1/2 inches; of Female, 21 inches. Digital Content: Red shouldered Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 7 Fowl Hawk. Length - 20 inches. Digital Content: Fowl Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 8 Red Brown-Shouldered Fowl Hawk. Length - 20 inches. Digital Content: Red Brown-Shouldered Fowl Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 9 Black Cap Hawk. <i>F. Atvicapillus</i> . Not Common. Digital Content: Black Cap Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 10 Black Cap Hawk. Female. Digital Content: Black Cap Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 11 Slate Coloured Hawk, or Blue Falcon. <i>T. Pennsylvanicus</i> . Length - of Male, 13 1/2 inches; of Female, 16 inches. Digital Content: Slate Coloured Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 12 Sharp-Tailed Hawk. <i>F. Caudacuto</i> . Length - 20 inches. The only one I have met with. Digital Content: Sharp-Tailed Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 13 Sparrow Hawk. <i>F. Sparvenias</i> . Length - 10 inches. Digital Content: Sparrow Hawk
Box 1 of 2	Folder 14 Sparrow Hawk. Female.

[Digital Content: Sparrow Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 15 White-Rumped Hawk. Length - 18 inches.
[Digital Content: White-Rumped Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 16 Red-Tailed Hawk. Length - 24 inches.
[Digital Content: Red-Tailed Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 17 Spotted-Breasted Hawk. Length - 20 inches.
[Digital Content: Spotted-Breasted Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 18 Little Hawk. Length - of Male, 11 1/2 inches; of Female, 12 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Little Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 19 Chicken Hawk. Length - 11 inches.
[Digital Content: Chicken Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 20 Chicken Hawk. Female. Length - 13 1/2 to 17 inches.
[Digital Content: Chicken Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 21 Pigeon Hawk. F. Columbarius. Length - 14 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Pigeon Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 22 White-Fronted Hawk. Length - 14 inches. Young Pigeon Hawk, of the first year.
[Digital Content: White-Fronted Hawk](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 23 Virginian Eared Owl. S. Virginiana. Length - 22 inches.
[Digital Content: Virginian Eared Owl](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 24 Barred Owl. S. Nebulosa. Length - 22 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Barred Owl](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 25 Red Owl. S. Rubra. Length - 8 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Red Owl](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 26 Screech Owl. Length - 8 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Screech Owl](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 27 Blue Jay. Coroas Cristates. Length - 10 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Blue Jay](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 28 Tyrant Shrike. Lanius Tyrannus. Length - 8 inches.
[Digital Content: Tyrant Shrike](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 29 Loggerhead Shrike. Lanius Carolinensis. Length - 8 1/2 inches.
[Digital Content: Loggerhead Shrike](#)

Box 1 of 2 Folder 30 Red winged Oriole. Oriolus Phanicus. Length - 8 1/2 inches.

	Digital Content: Red winged Oriole
Box 1 of 2	Folder 31 Orchard Oriole. O. Castanus. Length - 6 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Orchard Oriole
Box 1 of 2	Folder 32 Orchard Oriole. Female. Digital Content: Orchard Oriole
Box 1 of 2	Folder 33 Baltimore Oriole. Length - 7 1/2 inches. The only one I have met with in Georgia. Digital Content: Baltimore Oriole
Box 1 of 2	Folder 34 Red Tanager. Tanager Rubra. Length - 7 inches. A rare bird of Passage. Digital Content: Red Tanager
Box 1 of 2	Folder 35 White billed Woodpecker. Picus Principalis. Length - 20 inches. Digital Content: White billed Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 36 Pileated Woodpecker. P. Pileatus. Length - 17 inches. Digital Content: Pileated Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 37 Gold winged Woodpecker. P. Auratus. Length - 12 inches. Digital Content: Gold winged Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 38 Carolina Woodpecker. P. Carolinas. Length - 9 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Carolina Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 39 Red-Headed Woodpecker. P. Erythrocephalus. Length - 9 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Red-Headed Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 40 Yellow-Billed Woodpecker. P. Naruis. Length - 8 inches. Digital Content: Yellow-Billed Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 41 Cockaded Woodpecker. P. Luerulus. Length - 8 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Cockaded Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 42 Little Woodpecker. P. Pubescens. Length - 6 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Little Woodpecker
Box 1 of 2	Folder 43 Brown-Headed Oriole. Digital Content: Brown-Headed Oriole
Box 1 of 2	Folder 44 Boat tailed Grakle. Gracula Barita. Length - 13 inches. Digital Content: Boat tailed Grakle
Box 1 of 2	Folder 45 Grea Meadow Lark. Alauda Magna. Length - 9 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Grea Meadow Lark
Box 1 of 2	Folder 46 Brown Lark. Length - 6 1/2 inches.

	Digital Content: Brown Lark
Box 1 of 2	Folder 47 Carolina Cuckoo. <i>Cuculus Americanus</i> . Length - 12 inches. Digital Content: Carolina Cuckoo
Box 1 of 2	Folder 48 Cardinal Grosbeak. <i>Loxia Cardinalis</i> . Length - 9 inches. Digital Content: Cardinal Grosbeak
Box 1 of 2	Folder 49 Red Grosbeak. <i>L. Rubra</i> . Length - 6 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Red Grosbeak
Box 1 of 2	Folder 50 Red Grosbeak. Female. Digital Content: Red Grosbeak
Box 1 of 2	Folder 51 Blue Grosbeak. <i>L. Carulea</i> . Length - 6 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Blue Grosbeak
Box 1 of 2	Folder 52 American Crossbill. <i>Curvirostra Americana</i> . Length - 5 3/4 inches. Digital Content: American Crossbill
Box 1 of 2	Folder 53 Rice Bunting. <i>Emberiza Oryzivora</i> . Length - 6 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Rice Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 54 Towhe Bunting. <i>E. Erythrothalma</i> . Length - 8 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Towhe Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 55 Indigo Bunting. <i>E. Cyanea</i> . Length - 5 inches. Digital Content: Indigo Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 56 Painted Bunting. <i>E. Ciris</i> . Length - 5 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Painted Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 57 Bay-Winged Bunting. Digital Content: Bay-Winged Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 58 Flax Bunting. Length - 4 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Flax Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 59 Flax Bunting. Female. Digital Content: Flax Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Folder 60 Carolina Chatterer. <i>Ampelis Garrulus</i> . Length - 7 inches. Digital Content: Carolina Chatterer
Box 1 of 2	Folder 61 Passenger Pigeon. <i>Columba Migratoria</i> . Length - 16 inches. Digital Content: Passenger Pigeon
Box 1 of 2	Folder 62 Carolina Pigeon. <i>C. Carolinensis</i> . Length - 12 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Carolina Pigeon

Box 1 of 2	Folder 63 Ground Pigeon. <i>C. Passerina</i> . Length - 7 inches. Digital Content: Ground Pigeon
Box 1 of 2	Folder 64 Purple Swallow. <i>Hirundo Purpurea</i> . Length - 7 3/4 inches. Digital Content: Purple Swallow
Box 1 of 2	Folder 65 Great Thrush. <i>Turdus Magna</i> . Length - 7 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Great Thrush
Box 1 of 2	Folder 66 Mimic Thrush. <i>T. Polyglottus</i> . Length - 9 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Mimic Thrush
Box 1 of 2	Folder 67 Ferruginous Thrush. <i>T. Rufus</i> . Length - 11 inches. Digital Content: Ferruginous Thrush
Box 1 of 2	Folder 68 Red-Breasted Thrush. <i>T Migratorius</i> . Length - 10 inches. Digital Content: Red-Breasted Thrush
Box 1 of 2	Folder 69 Little Thrush. <i>T. Melodes</i> . Length - 7 inches. Digital Content: Little Thrush
Box 1 of 2	Folder 70 Crested Flycatcher. <i>Muscicapa Crinita</i> . Length - 9 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Crested Flycatcher

Box 2

Box 2 of 2	Folder 1 Cat Flycatcher. <i>M. Carolinensis</i> . Length - 8 inches. Digital Content: Cat Flycatcher
Box 2 of 2	Folder 2 Solitary Flycatcher. <i>M. Solitaria</i> . Length - 5 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Solitary Flycatcher
Box 2 of 2	Folder 3 Green Flycatcher. <i>M. Luerula</i> . Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Green Flycatcher
Box 2 of 2	Folder 4 Yellow-Breasted Flycatcher. Length - 5 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Yellow-Breasted Flycatcher
Box 2 of 2	Folder 5 Pewit Flycatcher. <i>M. Nunciola</i> . Length - 7 inches. Digital Content: Pewit Flycatcher
Box 2 of 2	Folder 6 Green Parrot or Parokeet. Digital Content: Green Parrot or Parokeet
Box 2 of 2	Folder 7 Fox-Coloured Finch. <i>Fringilla Rufa</i> . Length - 7 inches. Digital Content: Fox-Coloured Finch
Box 2 of 2	Folder 8 White-Throated Finch. <i>F. Pensylvanica</i> . Length - 6 1/2 inches. Digital Content: White-Throated Finch

Box 2 of 2	Folder 9 Yellow-Winged Finch. <i>F. Passerina</i> . Length - 5 inches. Digital Content: Yellow-Winged Finch
Box 2 of 2	Folder 10 Sharp-Tailed Finch. <i>F. Caudacuta</i> . Length - 4 3/4 inches. Digital Content: Sharp-Tailed Finch
Box 2 of 2	Folder 11 Little Finch. Length - 5 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Little Finch
Box 2 of 2	Folder 12 Blue Warbler. <i>Sylvia Sialis</i> . Length - 7 inches. Digital Content: Blue Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 13 Hooded Warbler. <i>S. Milvata</i> . Length - 5 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Hooded Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 14 Yellow-Rump Warbler. <i>S. Coronata</i> . Length - 6 inches. Digital Content: Yellow-Rump Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 15 Yellow-Throated Warbler. <i>S. Flavicollis</i> . Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Yellow-Throated Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 16 Yellow-Breasted Warbler. <i>S. Trichas</i> . Length - 5 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Yellow-Breasted Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 17 Yellow Poll Warbler. <i>S. Pennsylvanica</i> . Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Yellow Poll Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 18 Magnolia Warbler. <i>S. Magnolia</i> . Length - 5 inches. Digital Content: Magnolia Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 19 Yellow Warbler. Length - 5 3/4 inches. Digital Content: Yellow Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 20 Blue-Eyed Warbler. <i>S. Citrinella</i> . Length - 4 3/4 inches. Digital Content: Blue-Eyed Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 21 Black-Crowned Warbler. Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Black-Crowned Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 22 Black-Throated Warbler. <i>S. Canadensis</i> . Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Black-Throated Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 23 Prairie Warbler <i>S. Minuta</i> . Length - 4 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Prairie Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 24 Worm-Eating Warbler. <i>S. Nermivora</i> . Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Worm-Eating Warbler
Box 2 of 2	Folder 25 Georgia Wren. Very Rare. Digital Content: Georgia Wren

Box 2 of 2	Folder 26 Marsh Wren. <i>Certhia Palustris</i> . Length - 4 inches. Digital Content: Marsh Wren
Box 2 of 2	Folder 27 Ruby-Crowned Wren. <i>Sylvia Calendula</i> . Length - 4 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Ruby-Crowned Wren
Box 2 of 2	Folder 28 Golden-Crowned Wren. <i>Motacilla Regulus</i> . Length - 4 inches. Digital Content: Golden-Crowned Wren
Box 2 of 2	Folder 29 Red-Throated Hummingbird. <i>Trochilus Colubris</i> . Length - of Male, 3 1/4 inches; of Female, 3 3/4 inches. Digital Content: Red-Throated Hummingbird
Box 2 of 2	Folder 30 Toupet Titmouse. <i>Parus Bicolor</i> . Length - 6 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Toupet Titmouse
Box 2 of 2	Folder 31 Black-Headed Nuthatch. <i>Sitta Carolinensis</i> . Length - 5 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Black-Headed Nuthatch
Box 2 of 2	Folder 32 Least Nuthatch. <i>S. Pusilla</i> . Length - 4 1/4 inches. Digital Content: Least Nuthatch
Box 2 of 2	Folder 33 Small Blue-Grey Flycatcher. <i>Muscicupa Caeralea</i> . Length - 4 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Small Blue-Grey Flycatcher
Box 2 of 2	Folder 34 Virginian Rail. <i>Rallus Virginianus</i> . Length - 13 inches. Digital Content: Virginian Rail
Box 2 of 2	Folder 35 Soree. Length - 8 1/2 inches. Breeds in the rice fields about Savannah Digital Content: Soree
Box 2 of 2	Folder 36 Purple Gallinule. <i>Fulica Porphyrio</i> . Length - 12 inches. Digital Content: Purple Gallinule
Box 2 of 2	Folder 37 Brown Gallinule. Length - 12 inches. Digital Content: Brown Gallinule
Box 2 of 2	Folder 38 Noisy Plover. <i>Charadrius Voceferus</i> . Length - 10 inches. Digital Content: Noisy Plover
Box 2 of 2	Folder 39 Red-Breasted Godwit. Length - 13 inches. Digital Content: Red-Breasted Godwit
Box 2 of 2	Folder 40 American Snipe. Digital Content: American Snipe
Box 2 of 2	Folder 41 Golden-Legged Sandpiper. Length - 12 inches.

	Digital Content: Golden-Legged Sandpiper
Box 2 of 2	Folder 42 Black-Rumped Sandpiper. Length - 11 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Black-Rumped Sandpiper
Box 2 of 2	Folder 43 Wood Ibis. Tantalus Loculator. Length - 3 feet. Digital Content: Wood Ibis
Box 2 of 2	Folder 44 White Ibis. T. Albus. Length - 25 inches. Digital Content: White Ibis
Box 2 of 2	Folder 45 Brown Ibis. T. Fuscus. Length - 2 feet. Digital Content: Brown Ibis
Box 2 of 2	Folder 46 Spotted Ibis. As I have not met with but one of this bird, I don't know it is an Ibis. Length - 25 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Spotted Ibis
Box 2 of 2	Folder 47 Bittern. Length - 27 inches. Digital Content: Bittern
Box 2 of 2	Folder 48 Great Whooping Crane. Digital Content: Great Whooping Crane
Box 2 of 2	Folder 49 Whooping Crane. Ardea Americana. Length - 4 feet 6 inches. Digital Content: Whooping Crane
Box 2 of 2	Folder 50 Great Heron. A. Herodias. Length - 4 feet. Digital Content: Great Heron
Box 2 of 2	Folder 51 Blue Heron. A. Carulea. Length - 23 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Blue Heron
Box 2 of 2	Folder 52 Green Heron. A. Nirescens. Length - 18 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Green Heron
Box 2 of 2	Folder 53 Spotted Heron. Length - 23 1/2 inches. Digital Content: Spotted Heron
Box 2 of 2	Folder 54 Little Heron. Length - 11 inches. Digital Content: Little Heron
Box 2 of 2	Folder 55 Loone. Length - 34 inches. Digital Content: Loone
Box 2 of 2	Folder 56 Black-Bellied darter. Anhinga Malanogastor. Length - 3 feet. Digital Content: Black-Bellied darter
Box 2 of 2	Folder 57 Summer Duck. Anas Sponsa. Length - 17 inches. Digital Content: Summer Duck

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Folder 58 American Teal. *A. Curolinensis*. Length - 14 inches.
[Digital Content: American Teal](#)

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Folder 59 Spirit Duck.
[Digital Content: Spirit Duck](#)

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Folder 60 Crested Merganser. *Mergus Cucullatus*. Length - 18 inches.
[Digital Content: Crested Merganser](#)