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Henry Cushier Raven Field Journal, 1912-1914

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Henry Cushier Raven Field Journal
Identifier:	Record Unit 7178
Date:	1912-1914
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Creator::	Raven, Henry Cushier, 1889-1944
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Henry Cushier Raven (1889-1944) began his zoological career in the Department of Preparation of the American Museum of Natural History in 1907. While there he worked with Jesse D. Figgins and Herbert Lang, noted taxidermists. When Figgins moved to the Colorado Museum of Natural History in 1910, he took Raven with him.

In 1912, the Smithsonian Institution and William Louis Abbott were looking for a young collector and explorer to carry on Abbott's work in the East Indies. Hearing good reports regarding Raven, they hired him; and he spent most of the next six years in the islands. His travels in the Pacific took him to Borneo, the Celebes, and the Moluccas.

Raven entered Cornell as a special student in zoology in 1918 and also served as Curator of the zoology museum. In 1919, the Smithsonian again employed him as a field collector, this time for the Cape-to-Cairo African Expedition. Upon his return in 1920, he entered Columbia and there studied comparative anatomy under William King Gregory. From 1921 to his death, Raven was employed by the American Museum of Natural History as a collector and Curator of Comparative Anatomy. He also held appointments with New York University, 1924-1926; Columbia University, 1926-1944; Johns Hopkins University, 1936-1938; and the New York Zoological Park, 1921-1944. Raven's major research contributions dealt with the distribution of animals in East Asia, the sperm and beaked whales, and the comparative anatomy of primates, especially gorillas.

Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of a field journal of Raven's kept in the East Indies from 1912 to 1914 and a field map of Borneo.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Natural history
Zoologists
Zoology

Names:

Abbott, William Louis, 1860-1936
American Museum of Natural History
Cape-to-Cairo African Expedition (1919)
Colorado Museum of Natural History
Columbia University
Cornell University
Figgins, J. D. (Jesse Dade), 1867-1944
Gregory, William K. (William King), 1876-1970
Johns Hopkins University
Lang, Herbert, 1879-1957
New York University
New York Zoological Park
Raven, Henry Cushier, 1889-1944

Geographic Names:

East Indies

Container Listing

Box 1

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Typewritten copy of field journal of Henry Cushier Raven written while in Singapore, Java and Borneo and vicinity, dated February 22, 1912 to November 2, 1914

[Digital Content: Typewritten copy of field journal of Henry Cushier Raven written while in Singapore, Java and Borneo and vicinity, dated February 22, 1912 to November 2, 1914 \[Image nos. SIA2013-00016 to SIA2013-00195\]](#)

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Field map of Borneo

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