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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Barrows, Walter Bradford
Source - dnr:	Kuhn, Madison, 1910-1985
Title:	Walter Bradford Barrows papers
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Biographical Note

Walter Bradford Barrows was born January 10, 1855 in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. Barrows graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1876, and from 1879 to 1881 was an instructor in Chemistry and Physics in the Colegio Nacional at Concepción del Uruguay in Argentina. After his return to the United States, he served as instructor in Science from 1881 to 1882 at the State Normal School at Westfield, Massachusetts, followed by four years as instructor in Biology at Wesleyan University. On July 1, 1886, Barrows was appointed first assistant ornithologist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in the Biological Survey, then known as the Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy. He resigned on March 15, 1894 to accept the professorship of Zoology and Physiology at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in East Lansing, Michigan. He was also the curator of the General Museum. He remained in that position until his death on February 26, 1923.

"Professor Barrows was well known as an ornithologist. The results of his work in Argentina appeared in a series of papers on the 'Birds of the Lower Uruguay' in the 'Bulletin of the Nuttall Ornithological Club' for 1883 and in 'The Auk' for 1884. He also contributed a chapter on the 'Accipitres' to the volume on

'Birds' in the 'Standard Natural History', 1885. While connected with the Department of Agriculture his most notable publications were his bulletins on the 'English Sparrow' and the 'Common Crow.' In 1912 his magnum opus appeared under the title 'Bird Life of Michigan' an excellent report accompanied by a voluminous bibliography. He was particularly interested in the distribution and life history of the birds of Michigan and especially in the local distribution and breeding habits of Kirtland's Warbler. Recently he became interested in bird banding and at the time of his death was making plans for active work in this field." - T. S. Palmer. From Auk, Vol. 40, October, 1923, pp. 376-377.

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Scope and Content

The Walter Bradford Barrows papers consists of letterpress copies of correspondence (3 volumes, 1896-1900, 1904-1906, 1905-1910), correspondence (1893-1915), bird lists (1850-1914, undated), migration records (1903-1908), advertisements, newspaper articles, *Michigan Bird Life* (1912), and photographs.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Birds
- Birds -- Michigan
- Zoology
- Letters (correspondence)
- Ornithologists
- Photographs
- Ornithology
- Michigan State University. Museum
- Michigan Agricultural College. Department of Zoology
- Barrows, Walter Bradford
- Michigan State University. Museum
- Kuhn, Madison, 1910-1985
- Hayne, Don W.

Collection Inventory

Letterpress Copies of Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
1896-1900	box 842	volume 1
1904-1906	box 842	volume 2
1905-1910	box 842	volume 3

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Correspondence

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1893-1896	box 843	folder 1
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A-Z, 1900-1903, Undated	box 843	folder 3-18
A-W, 1904	box 843	folder 19-24
A-W, 1905	box 843	folder 25-31
A-W, 1906	box 843	folder 32-35
A-W, 1907	box 843	folder 36-39
A-Z, 1908	box 843	folder 40-48
A-Y, 1909	box 843	folder 49-53
A-Y, 1910	box 843	folder 56-59
A-Y, 1911	box 843	folder 60-64
A-Y, 1912	box 843	folder 65-72
A-E, 1913	box 843	folder 73-74
F-Z, 1913, Undated	box 844	folder 1-6
A-Y, 1914	box 844	folder 7-13
A-Y, 1915	box 844	folder 14-23

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Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
Bird Lists, 1850, 1857, 1883, 1884, 1885	box 844	folder 24
Bird Lists, 1885-1889	box 844	folder 25
Bird Lists, 1886-1897, 1900	box 844	folder 26
Bird Lists. Migration records, and New and Rare bird records by Norman Wood , 1903-1908, Undated	box 844	folder 27
Bird Lists. U.P. Bird Observation, 1905 1906, 1909, Undated	box 844	folder 28
Bird Lists. Lower Peninsula Bird Observations , 1907 1908, Undated	box 844	folder 29
Bird Lists. Tombley Collection, 1904, 1914	box 844	folder 30
Bird Lists. Nesting records of Warblers, Undated	box 844	folder 31
Bird Lists. Miscellaneous, Undated	box 844	folder 32
Advertisements, 1907-1914, Undated	box 844	folder 33
Bird Sightings, 1911-1921	box 844	folder 34
Editorial, Undated	box 844	folder 35
News clippings concerning Barrows, 1923-1961		

	box 844	folder 36
Common Michigan Birds by W. B. Barrows, 1921	box 844	folder 37
<i>Acanthis-Helminthophila</i>	box 1021	folder 1-54
Xeroxed statement about <i>Ectopistes Migratorius</i>	box 1021	folder 55
<i>Helminthophila-Uria</i>	box 1022	folder 1-52
Record cards for <i>Birds of Michigan</i> , 1850-1912	box 1022	folder 1-52
<i>Vireo-Zonotrichia</i>	box 1023	folder 1-6
Appendices	box 1023	folder 7-10
Notes from <i>American Naturalist</i>	box 1023	folder 11
Notes from the <i>Auk</i>	box 1023	folder 12
Notes from <i>Science</i>	box 1023	folder 13
Notes from <i>Bird Lore</i>	box 1023	folder 14
Bibliographies	box 1023	folder 15-19
Bird Lists	box 1023	folder 20-25
Campus Nests, 1903	box 1023	folder 26-27
Miscellaneous notes and sightings, 1867-1916	box 1023	folder 28
Miscellaneous notes, 1877-1903	box 1023	folder 29
Bird Lists. <i>Viro bellii</i>	box 1023	folder 30

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Michigan Bird Life, 1912

box 844

Physical Description: 0.2 Cubic Feet 2 volumes

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Photographs

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Animals	
Animals. Birds	box UA Photo 63
Animals. Birds. Models	box UA Photo 63
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