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Descriptive Summary

Title: Tracy I. Storer papers

Identifier/Call Number: MVZA.MSS.0246

Contributing Institution: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.7 Linear feet

Date (inclusive): 1911-1976

Abstract: The Tracy I. Storer papers consist of five volumes of fieldnotes and specimen records spanning the years 1911-1923. All of the fieldwork was completed within California. Also included are five folders of correspondence with materials in the date range 1931-1976.

Creator: Storer, Tracy I. (Tracy Irwin), 1889-1973

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Biographical/historical note

Tracy I. Storer (1889-1973) was an eminent zoologist and educator with significant ties to the University of California throughout his lifetime. Receiving his B.A., M.S. and PhD from UC Berkeley, Storer was part of the MVZ's staff from 1914-1923, serving as Assistant Curator of Birds and Field Naturalist. In 1923, Storer moved on to UC Davis, where he founded the Department of Zoology. Throughout his career, a major interest of Storer's was controlling pest populations, specifically rodents. He also contributed to a number of organizations, serving as President of the Wildlife Society, American Society of Mammalogists, and Cooper Ornithological Society. Additionally, he edited the *Journal of Wildlife Management* and published over 200 times. Two of his monographs, *General Zoology* and *Elements of Zoology*, have been used extensively in educational settings and published in a number of languages. Storer became Professor Emeritus at UC Davis in 1956 and remained busy until the end of his life.

Sources Consulted:

Salt, G. W. and Rudd, R. L. "Tracy Irvin Storer (1889-1973): An Appreciation." *Journal of Mammalogy*, 56, 2 (1975): 538-552.
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1379393>

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<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3781531>

Scope and contents note

The Tracy I. Storer papers consist of five standard-bound volumes of fieldnotes, including specimen, map, and habitat sketches, as well as transcriptions of scientific notes. Many of the volume sections include significant photographic notes and vertebrate censuses. The volumes cover the years 1911-1923, with localities in California. This collection also includes five folders of correspondence, as well as some biographical information and manuscripts. These items date from 1931-1976 and contain materials covering specimen loans, rodent control, live traps, and related subjects.

Arrangement note

The collection has been arranged in the following series: Field notes and Correspondence. There are no subseries.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Biological specimens--Collection and preservation.

Biological specimens--Identification

Biology Fieldwork

Birds--California--Identification

Cataloging--Specimens.

Correspondence

Field notes

Mammalogy--Fieldwork.
Scientific expeditions--California
University of California (1868-1952). Museum of Vertebrate Zoology

Field notes 1911-1923

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 5.0 Volumes

Volume 1

Volume 1 1664 1911-1912

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 209.0 Pages

Volume 1,
Section 1

Mt. Whitney region, in Kern, Tulare, and Inyo Counties, California 1664_s1 1911

Physical Description: 108.0 Pages

Related materials

Specimens collected in this section include accession #293. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and contents note

Note prior to p. 1: "For map, see [field notes of J. Grinnell, 1911](#)."

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Inyo County

North America, United States, California, Kern County

North America, United States, California, Tulare County

Volume 1,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 

Sacramento Valley, in Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Yolo, Solano, and Contra Costa counties, California 1664_s2 1912

Physical Description: 95.0 Pages

Related materials

Specimens collected in this section include accession #371. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Butte County

North America, United States, California, Glenn County

North America, United States, California, Tehama County

North America, United States, California, Yolo County

Volume 2

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 2 1665 1912-1915

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 225.0 Pages

Volume 2,
Section 1

Sacramento Valley, in Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Yolo, Solano, and Contra Costa Cos., California 1665_s1 1912

Physical Description: 98.0 Pages

Related materials

Specimens collected in this section include accession #371. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Contra Costa County

North America, United States, California, Solano County

North America, United States, California, Yolo County

Volume 2,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 
Miscellaneous localities in California 1665_s2 1912-1915

Physical Description: 121.0 Pages

Related materials

Specimens collected in this section were collected between 8/1/1912 and 5/13/1915. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Alameda County

North America, United States, California, Los Angeles County


North America, United States, California, Marin County

North America, United States, California, Merced County

North America, United States, California, San Francisco County

North America, United States, California, Siskiyou County

Volume 3

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 3 1666 1915

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 173.0 Pages

Volume 3,
Section 1

Yosemite National Park, California 1666_s1 1915

Physical Description: 170.0 Pages

Related materials

Specimens collected in this section include accession #891. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and contents note

Bird and mammal census conducted with Joseph Grinnell in Porcupine Flat, Mariposa County on pp. 522-523.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Mariposa County

Volume 4

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 4 1667 1915-1917

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 212.0 Pages

Volume 4,
Section 1

Yosemite National Park, California, Fall 1667_s1 1915**Physical Description:** 102.0 Pages**Related materials**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #968. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and contents note

Section contains numerous vertebrate censuses, including census conducted with Joseph Grinnell in Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County on pp. 668b and 668c.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Mariposa County
North America, United States, California, Tuolumne County

Volume 4,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 
Yosemite National Park, California (2 trips) 1667_s2 1916**Physical Description:** 53.0 Pages**Related materials**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #1074. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and contents note

Section contains numerous vertebrate censuses.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Mariposa County
North America, United States, California, Merced County

Volume 4,
Section 3

View digitized field notes. 
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, California 1667_s3 1916**Physical Description:** 2.0 Pages**Related materials**

Specimens collected in this section were collected between 8/25/1916 and 10/14/1916. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Volume 4,
Section 4

View digitized field notes. 
Berkeley to Fyffe, Eldorado County, California 1667_s4 1916**Physical Description:** 16.0 Pages**Related materials**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #1188. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10034, attached following p. 731b.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, El Dorado County





Volume 4,
Section 5

View digitized field notes. 
Berkeley to Shoshone, Inyo County, California 1667_s5 1917**Physical Description:** 27.0 Pages**Scope and contents note**

Flat map, MVZ 10035, glued to p. 755c.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Inyo County
North America, United States, California, San Bernardino County

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- Volume 5 **View digitized field notes.**  **Volume 5 1668 1917-1923**
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 204.0 Pages
- Volume 5,
Section 1 **Yosemite National Park, California 1668_s1 1919**
Physical Description: 100.0 Pages
Related materials
Specimens collected in this section include accession #1585. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.
Scope and contents note
Section contains several vertebrate censuses.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
North America, United States, California, Mariposa County
North America, United States, California, Stanislaus County
- Volume 5,
Section 2 **View digitized field notes.**  **Mojave, Kern County, California 1668_s2 1920**
Physical Description: 15.0 Pages
Related materials
Specimens collected in this section include accession #1754. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
North America, United States, California, Kern County
- Volume 5,
Section 3 **View digitized field notes.**  **Miscellaneous localities in California 1668_s3 1919-1923**
Physical Description: 82.0 Pages
Related materials
Specimens collected in this section include accession #1602. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database. Additional specimens were collected between 6/30/1920-3/5/1923, and can also be found in [Arctos](#) .
Subjects and Indexing Terms
North America, United States, California, Alameda County
North America, United States, California, Contra Costa County
North America, United States, California, Marin County
North America, United States, California, Mendocino County
North America, United States, California, San Joaquin County
North America, United States, California, Sonoma County
- View digitized field notes.**  **Correspondence 1931-1976**
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 5.0 Folder
- Correspondence 1931-1938**
Physical Description: 1.0 Folder
- Correspondence 1939-1952**
Physical Description: 1.0 Folder
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Correspondence 1954-1973

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Correspondence and biographical materials 1971, 1973, 1998

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Correspondence, obituaries, and manuscripts Bulk, 1975-1976 1959-1976

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder