
Inventory to the field notes of Harry S. Swarth at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at University of California, Berkeley MVZA.MSS.0251

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Harry S. Swarth field notes

Identifier/Call Number: MVZA.MSS.0251

Contributing Institution: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.0 Linear feet

Date (inclusive): 1896-1930

Abstract: The Harry S. Swarth field notes include field notes and a bound photocopy of a diary. These materials offer insight into the work done by Swarth between 1896-1930.

Creator: Swarth, Harry S., 1878-1935

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Biographical/historical note

Harry S. Swarth (1878-1935) conducted significant research in the fields of ornithology and mammalogy. Gaining experience in fieldwork when he was just 17, Swarth's first professional position was with the Field Columbian Museum in Chicago in 1904. In 1908, at Grinnell's invitation, Swarth came to the MVZ, where he was Curator of Birds from 1910-1927, interrupted only by his 1913-1916 tenure as Assistant Director with the Museum of History, Science and Art in Los Angeles. From 1927 until his death in 1935, Swarth served as Curator in the Department of Mammalogy and Ornithology with the California Academy of Sciences. Swarth pursued fieldwork throughout his life, undertaking most of this work in California, Arizona, the U.S. northwest coast, and the Galapagos Islands.

Sources Consulted:

Linsdale, Jean M. "Harry Schelwald Swarth with three illustrations." *The Condor*, 38, 4 (1936): 155-168. Accessed July 22, 2013. "<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1363599>"

Mailliard, Joseph. "In Memoriam: Harry Schelwald Swarth 1878-1935." *The Auk*, 54, 2 (1937): 127-134. Accessed July 22, 2013. "<http://www.jstor.org/stable/4078544>"

Scope and Contents note

The Harry S. Swarth field notes include eight standard-bound volumes of field notes, including specimen and habitat sketches. The volumes cover the years 1908-1930, with localities in Alaska, Arizona, California, and Canada. A separate folder containing non-standard bound field notes features a photocopied transcription made by Swarth's son, Christopher. The transcription is from a diary kept by Swarth that chronicles three months of a bird and egg collecting trip in Cochise County, Arizona during the year 1896.

Arrangement note

The collection has been arranged in one series, titled Field notes. Within Field notes, there are two subseries: MVZ standard binding and MVZ non-standard binding.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Biological specimens--Collection and preservation.

Biological specimens--Identification

Biology Fieldwork

Cataloging--Specimens.

Field notes

Scientific expeditions--Alaska

Scientific expeditions--Arizona

Scientific expeditions--California

Scientific expeditions--Canada

University of California (1868-1952). Museum of Vertebrate Zoology

MVZ standard binding 1908-1930

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 8.0 Volumes

Volume 1

Volume 1 1678 1908

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 161.0 Pages

Volume 1,
Section 1

San Jacinto area, southern California 1678_s1 1908-1908

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 115.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #6. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10037, attached in introductory section prior to p. 1. Folded map, MVZ 10038, attached between pp. 6-7.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Riverside County
North America, United States, California, Yuba County

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Volume 1,
Section 2

Riverside area, southern California 1678_s2 1908-1908

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 7.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #9. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map numbered 12492 attached prior to p. 112.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Riverside County

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Volume 1,
Section 3

Santa Ana Mountains area, southern California 1678_s3 1908-1908

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 20.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #9. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10039, attached prior to p. 116.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Orange County
North America, United States, California, Riverside County

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Volume 1,
Section 4

Jurupa Mountains area, southern California 1678_s4 1908-1908

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 19.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #9. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10040, attached prior to p. 133. Folded map numbered 11980 attached between pp. 144-145.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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

Volume 2

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 2 1679 1909

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 182.0 Pages

Volume 2,
Section 1

Sitkan district, southeastern Alaska 1679_s1 1909-1909

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 182.0 Pages


Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accessions #106 and #187. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, Alaska

Volume 3

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 3 1680 1910-1911

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 179.0 Pages

Volume 3,
Section 1

Vancouver Island, British Columbia 1680_s1 1910-1910

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 99.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #170. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, Canada, British Columbia, Vancouver Island

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 3,
Section 2

San Joaquin Valley, California 1680_s2 1911-1911**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 79.0 Pages**Related Materials note**

Specimens collected in this section include accessions #286 and #291. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10041, attached between pp. 106-107. Folded map, MVZ 10043, attached between pp. 129-130. Folded map, MVZ 10042, placed loosely between pp. 169-170.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Kern County
North America, United States, California, Merced County
North America, United States, California, San Luis Obispo County

Volume 4

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 4 1681 1912-1915**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 218.0 Pages

Volume 4,
Section 1

Owens Valley trip, Inyo County, California 1681_s1 1912-1912**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 154.0 Pages**Related Materials note**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #407. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10044, attached prior to p. 171. Folded map, MVZ 10045, attached between pp. 221-222.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Inyo County

Volume 4,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 
Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange Counties, California 1681_s2 1913-1914**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 17.0 Pages**Related Materials note**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #637. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Los Angeles County
North America, United States, California, Orange County
North America, United States, California, Riverside County

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 4,
Section 3

San Jacinto Mountains, California 1681_s3 1914-1914

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 32.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #782. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Holotype of *Thomomys bottae nigricans* listed on p. 9. See [MVZ Mammals 21235](#) .

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Riverside County

Volume 4,
Section 4

Los Angeles County, California 1681_s4 1914-1915

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 6.0 Pages

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Los Angeles County

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 4,
Section 5

Sequoia National Park, California 1681_s5 1915-1915

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 8.0 Pages

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Tulare County

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 5

Volume 5 1682 1916-1917

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 278.0 Pages

Volume 5,
Section 1

Palm Springs, Riverside County, California 1682_s1 1916-1916

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 16.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #1005. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Riverside County

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Volume 5,
Volume 2

Berkeley, Alameda County, California 1682_s2 1916-1916

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 14.0 Pages

Related materials note

Specimens in this section were collected between 2/25/1916 and 8/12/1916. 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

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 5,
Volume 3

Sequoia National Park, California 1682_s3 1916-1916**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 135.0 Pages**Related Materials note**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #1136. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10046, attached following section index page. This section also includes photographic notes describing photographs taken between 8/20/1916-10/8/1916 prior to p. 13.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Fresno County
North America, United States, California, Tulare County

Volume 5,
Section 4

View digitized field notes. 
Berkeley, Alameda County, California 1682_s4 1916-1917**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 25.0 Pages**Related materials note**

Specimens in this section were collected between 10/16/1916 and 5/19/1917. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Holotype of *Scapanus latimanus caurinus* listed on p. 158. See [MVZ Mammals 25388](#).

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Alameda County

Volume 5,
Section 5

View digitized field notes. 
Papago Saguaro Monument and Sierra Ancha Mountains, Arizona 1682_s5 1917-1917**Language of Material:** English**Physical Description:** 79.0 Pages**Related Materials note**

Specimens collected in this section include accession #1293. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Folded map, MVZ 10047, attached prior to p. 159. Holotype of *Xerospermophilus tereticaudus neglectus* listed on p. 163. See [MVZ Mammals 25485](#) . This section also includes photographic notes describing photographs taken between 6/2/1917-7/2/1917 following p. 227.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, Arizona, Gila County
North America, United States, Arizona, Maricopa County

View digitized field notes. 

Volume 5,
Section 6

Berkeley, Alameda County, California 1682_s6 1917-1917

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 8.0 Pages


Related materials note

Specimens in this section were collected between 7/29/1917 and 12/23/1917. 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

Volume 6

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 6 1683 1919-1920

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 218.0 Pages

Volume 6,
Section 1

Berkeley, Alameda County, California 1683_s1 1919-1920

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 27.0 Pages

Related materials note

Specimens in this section were collected between 1/10/1918 and 4/24/1919. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database. Additional specimens were collected between 10/12/1920-12/6/1920, and can also be found in [Arctos](#) .

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Alameda County

Volume 6,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 
Stikine River region, northern British Columbia and southeastern Alaska 1683_s2 1919-1919

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 190.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accessions #1658 and #1678. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, Canada, British Columbia

North America, United States, Alaska, Alexander Archipelago, Sergief Island

Volume 7

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 7 1684 1921-1922

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 265.0 Pages

Volume 7,
Section 1

Berkeley and vicinity, California 1684_s1 1921-1922

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 11.0 Pages

Related materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accessions #2027, #2049, #2061, and #7572. 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

Volume 7,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 
Skeena River region, northern British Columbia 1684_s2 1921-1921

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 175.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #2003. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

This section includes four pages of photographic notes describing photographs taken between 6/1/1921-10/12/1921 following p. 579.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, Canada, British Columbia
North America, United States, Alaska

Volume 7,
Section 3

View digitized field notes. 
San Francisco Mountain region, Arizona 1684_s3 1922-1922

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 78.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #2119. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#) , the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note


This section includes two pages of photographic notes describing photographs taken between 9/20/1922-10/31/1922 following p. 659.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, Arizona, Coconino County

Volume 8

View digitized field notes. 
Volume 8 1685 1923-1930

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 240.0 Pages

Volume 8,
Section 1

Berkeley and vicinity, California 1685_s1 1923-1926

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 19.0 Pages

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Alameda County

Volume 8,
Section 2

View digitized field notes. 
Atlin Region, northern British Columbia 1685_s2 1924-1924

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 183.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accessions #2003, #2406, and #7572. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Scope and Contents note

Holotype of *Spizella breweri taverneri* listed on p. 775. See [MVZ Birds 44856](#). This section includes three pages of photographic notes describing photographs taken between 5/18/1924-9/27/1924 between pp. 671-672.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, Canada, British Columbia

North America, Canada, Yukon Territory

Volume 8,
Section 3

View digitized field notes. 
Tehama, Lassen, Plumas Counties, California 1685_s3 1925-1925

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 9.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accessions #2582 and #3083. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Plumas County

Volume 8,
Section 4

View digitized field notes. 
North Yolla Bolly Mountain, in Trinity and Tehama Counties, California 1685_s4 1926-1926

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 20.0 Pages

Related Materials note

Specimens collected in this section include accession #2721. These specimens can be found in [Arctos](#), the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's specimen database.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, California, Shasta County

North America, United States, California, Tehama County

North America, United States, California, Trinity County

Volume 8,
Section 5

View digitized field notes. 
British Museum, London, England, Concerning labels on type specimens 1685_s5 1930-1930

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 8.0 Pages

View digitized field notes. 
MVZ non-standard binding 1896-1896

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.0 Folder

Box 1, Folder 1

Transcription of field notes from Los Angeles to Ramsey Canon: Three months in the Huachuca Mountains 1896

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 38.0 Pages

Existence and location of originals note

Originals are believed to be in the possession of the Swarth family.

Scope and Contents note

Field notes transcribed by Swarth's grandson, Chris Swarth.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

North America, United States, Arizona, Cochise County