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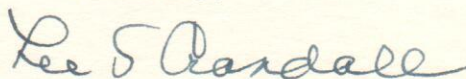
Sfc Marvin L. Jones  
Medical Company  
De Witt Army Hospital  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Dear Marvin:

Your description of the Tockus in Washington sounds as though the bird might belong to one of the races of alboterminatus, of which at least six are recognized. We have had two specimens of T. alboterminatus australis, from South Africa, back in the 20's and 30's. I could not consider the species as particularly rare. It was not photographed here.

I am unable to make a sensible suggestion as to the identity of the tan hornbill, except that it is certainly not a Concave casqued. Herbert Friedmann of the U. S. National Museum usually makes the Zoo's bird identifications and perhaps has seen this. Sorry.

Sincerely,



Lee S. Crandall  
General Curator Emeritus

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