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**Fwd: American Tree Sparrow Specimens**

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Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 7:10 PM

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I followed up on the American Tree Sparrow specimens with Dr. John Carr at ULM. He tracked them down. They are still at LA Tech. Photos are attached. Dr. Shepard is the contact at LA Tech. Larry

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Carr <[carr@ulm.edu](mailto:carr@ulm.edu)>  
To: lrraymond <[lrraymond@aol.com](mailto:lrraymond@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Apr 11, 2018 4:24 pm  
Subject: Re: American Tree Sparrow Specimens

Larry,

Long time no see!!

I've been investigating the birds with colleagues here and at Tech.

The birds are still at Tech.

I got the info from Don Shepard--this is maybe his 2nd year at Tech. He's a herpetologist, but has worked with their remaining collections.

The birds and mammals never left Tech; it was only the fish and herps that we acquired, and now they have been passed along.

Don sent the photos and below is his contact info.

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## Shepard Lab - Louisiana Tech University

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10 March 2018. Pedro, Ryan, and Cam presented a poster on their research at the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences. 10 January 2018

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**From:** [lrraymond@aol.com](mailto:lrraymond@aol.com) <[lrraymond@aol.com](mailto:lrraymond@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:28 PM

**To:** John Carr

**Subject:** American Tree Sparrow Specimens

Dr. Carr, I wanted to check with you about the possibility of a couple of American Tree Sparrow specimens in the ULM collection. Several decades ago, this species was reported from Claiborne Parish. Louisiana Tech supposedly collected a couple of specimens to verify the sighting. John Dillon, who is on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee, checked with LA Tech and was informed that the specimens are gone and were either disposed of or given to ULM. I wanted to follow-up to see if there is any chance they are at ULM. This would be the only hard evidence for this species in Louisiana. Is this something you could check? Thanks. Larry

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**4 attachments**



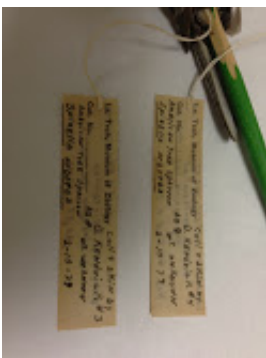
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Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 7:17 PM

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Incredible! Excellent work, Larry.

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