

The second volume in a series of three publications documenting the investigative excursions of Professor William Starling and his research team. This volume contains selected items and ideas collected during their research expedition in February, 2012.

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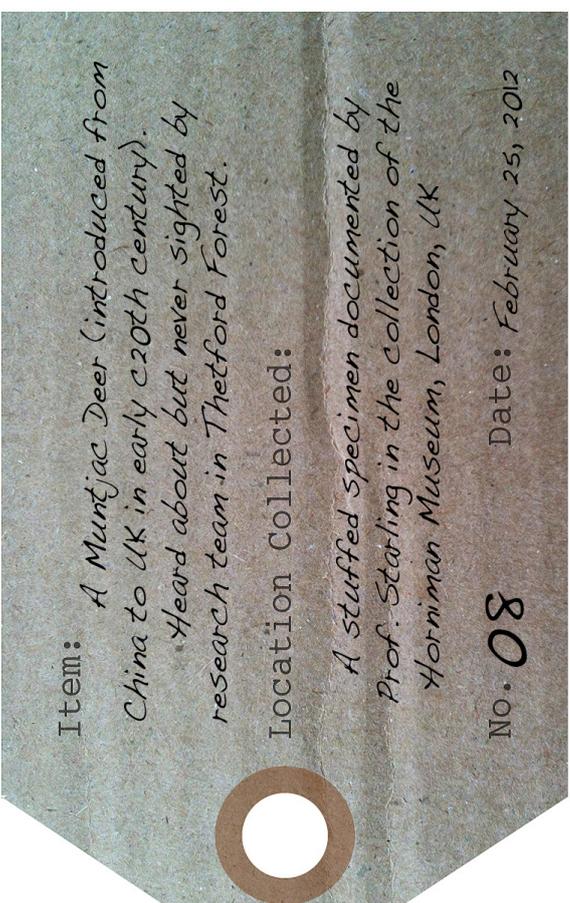
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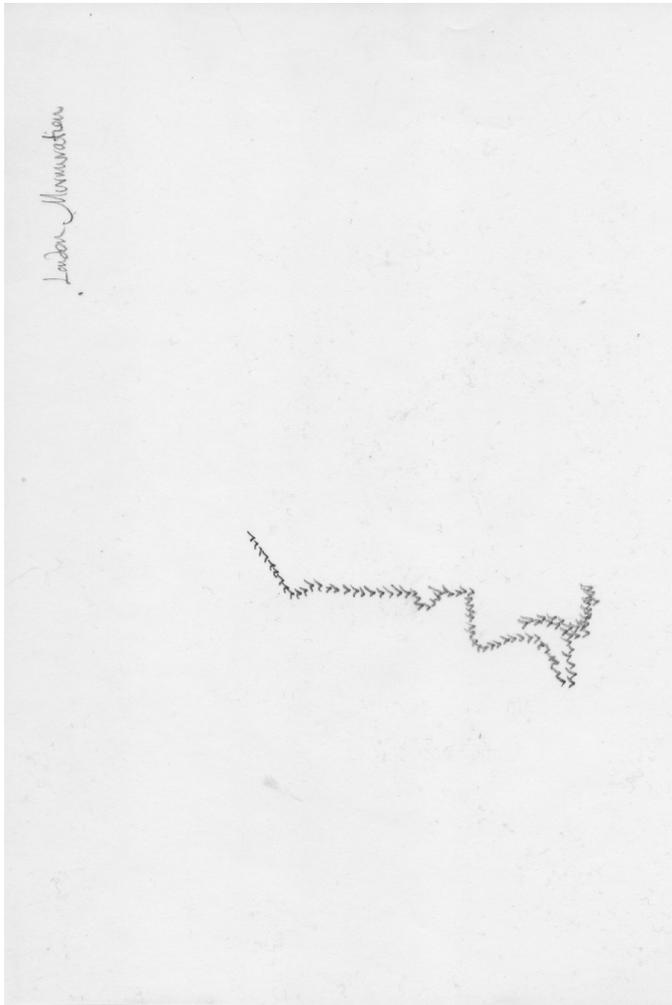
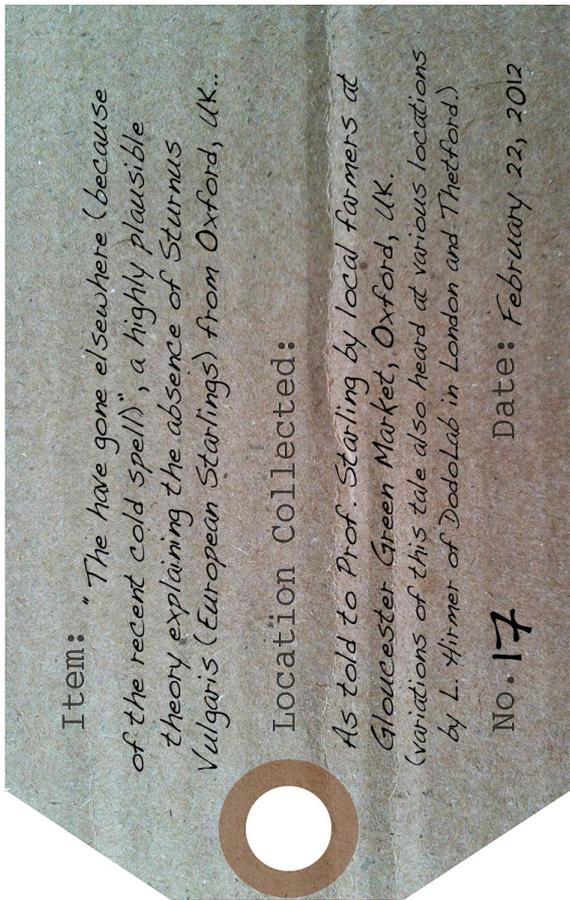
# *Congeries*

*Thetford • London • Oxford*

expedition led by  
**Professor William Starling** of DodoLab  
 accompanied by

Leila Armstrong, Lisa Hirner, Andrew Hunter, Giles Lane, Josie Mills & Hazem Tagiuri





Professor Starling's Thetford-London-Oxford Expedition

Book 2: Congeries

Professor Starling and Associates

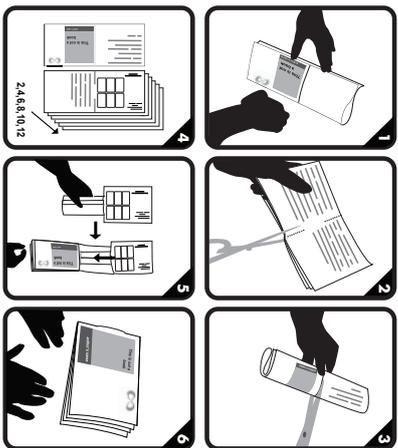
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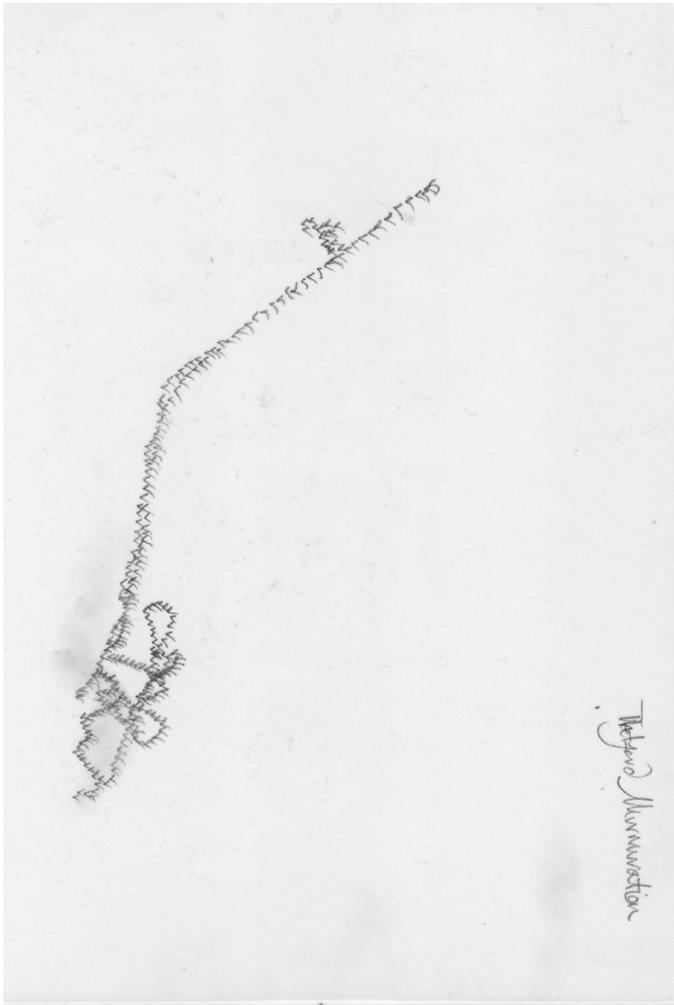
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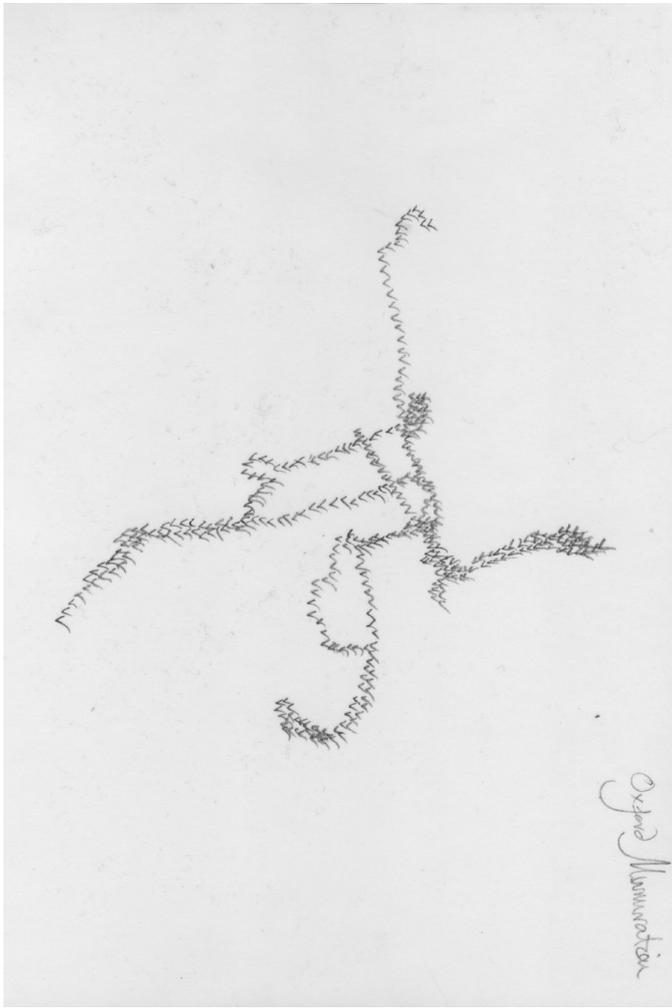
Item: "All of the bugs they eat have been killed by the many more cars and cabs around Trafalgar Square", a rather odd theory for the disappearance of the once great murmurations of *Sturnus Vulgaris* (European Starling) from central London.

Location Collected:

As told to L. Hirmer of DodoLab by a gentleman (of Scottish origins), St. James's Park, London, UK.

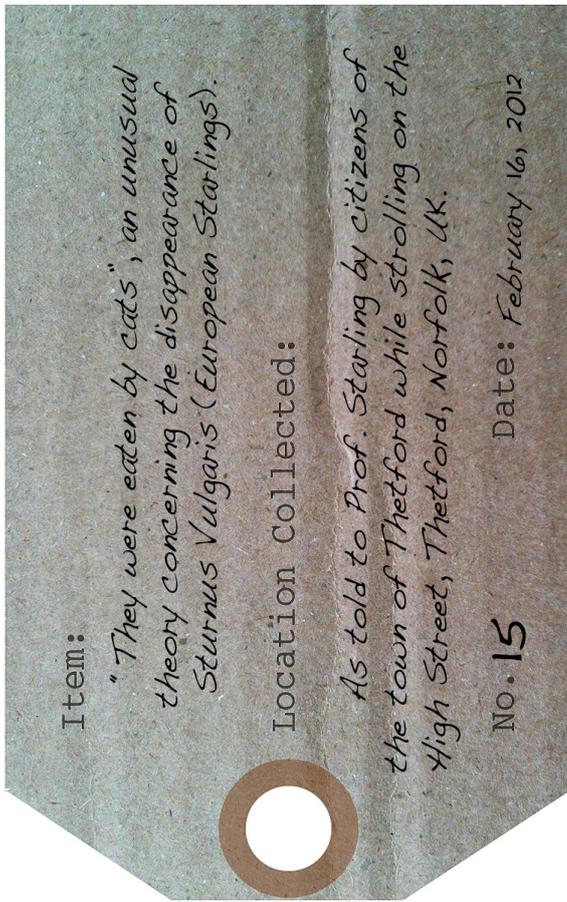
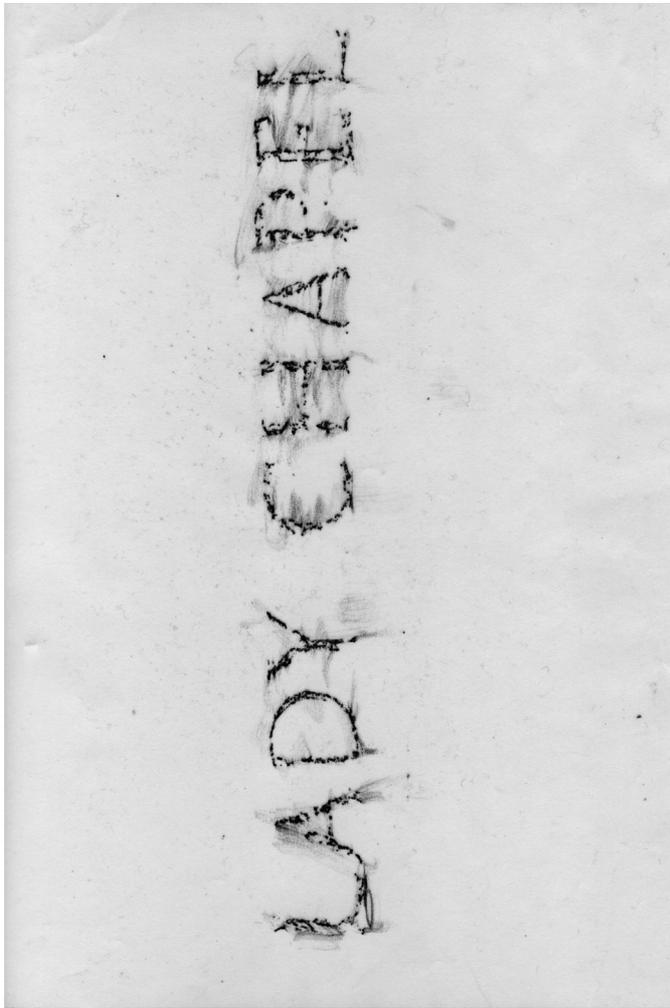
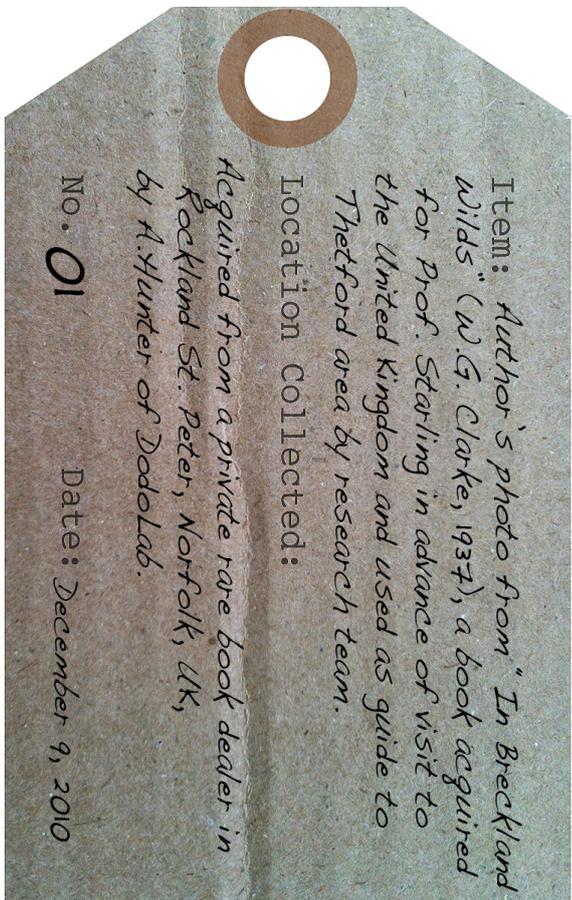
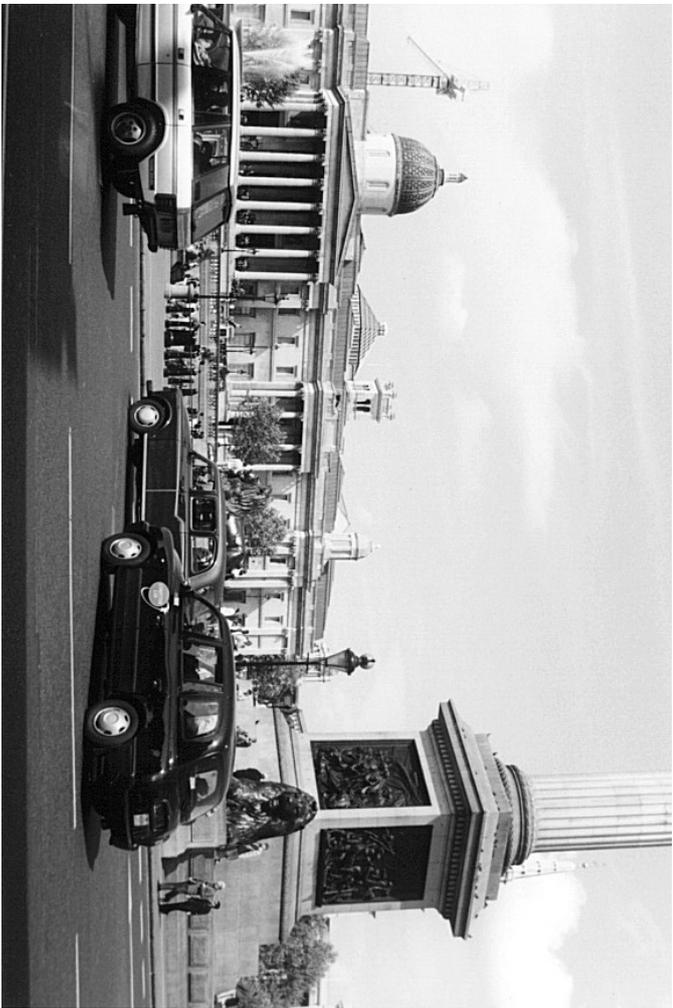
No. 16

Date: February 20, 2012



Oxford Murmuration







**Item:** *An assortment of extinct species, stuffed, mounted and preserved (often only in skeletal form)*

**Location Collected:** *Documented by research team at various fine museums (including Horniman, Oxford Mus. of Nat. Hist., Norwich Castle...)*

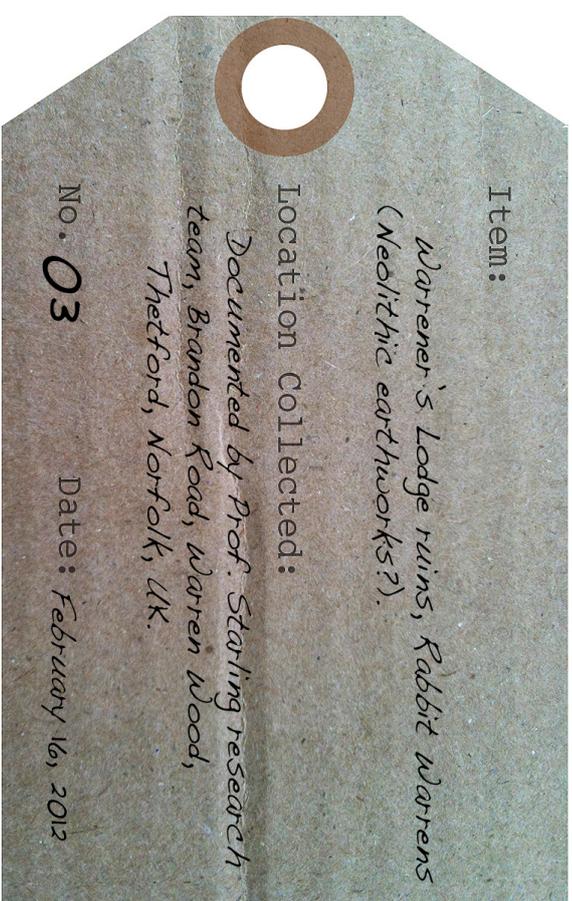
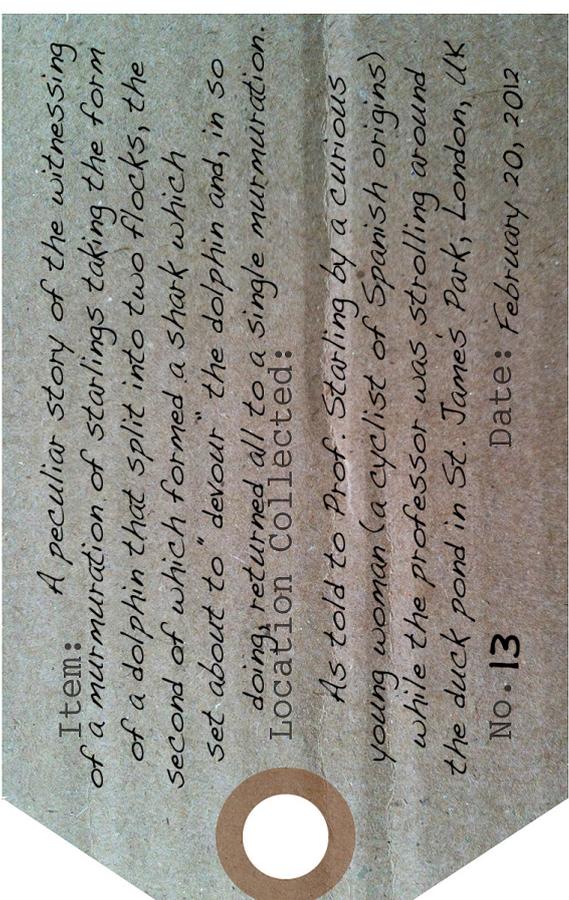
**No. 14**      **Date:** *February 16-25, 2012*

**Item:** *Relief rubbing from stonework on ruins of the Thetford Priory.*

**Location Collected:** *Acquired by V. Tagiuri of Proboasais while visiting ruins with Prof. Starling research team, Thetford, Norfolk, UK.*

**No. 02**      **Date:** *February 16, 2012*





Item: *A selection of museums of the United Kingdom, with particular emphasis on display techniques and methodologies of interpretation, preservation and curation.*

Location Collected:  
*Acquired by J. Mills and L. Armstrong of Lethbridge, Alberta, CANADA, in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Cambridge, Oxford, London, Norwich...*

No. 12      Date: February, 2012

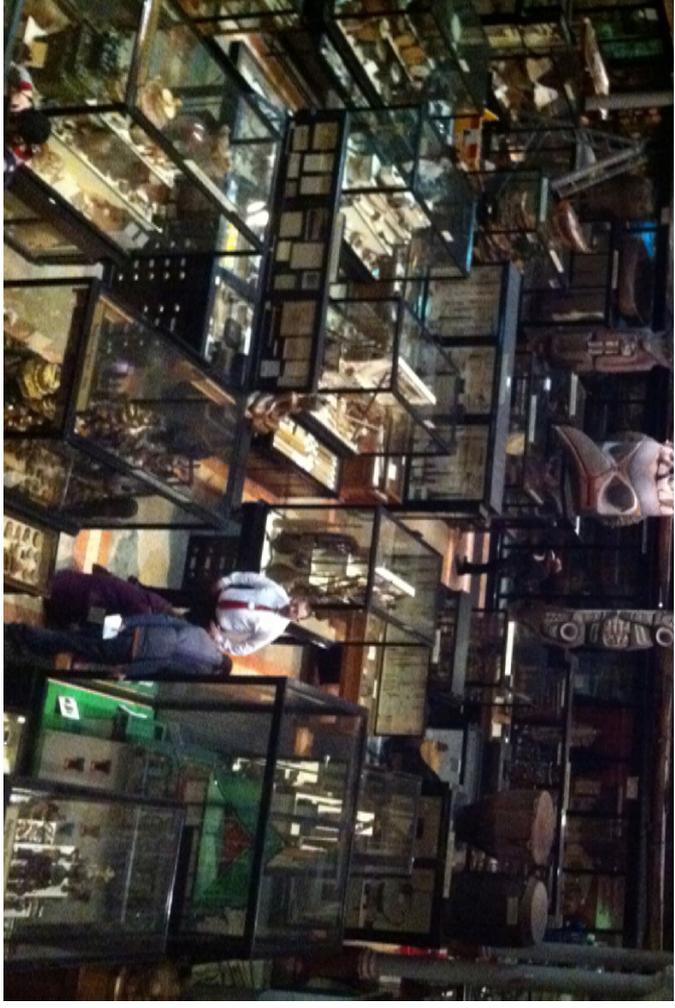


Item: **GHOST RABBIT**  
*(as rendered by L. Whimier)*

Location Collected:  
*Near Warren's Lodge ruins, Brandon Road, Warren Wood, Thetford, Norfolk, UK.*

No. 04      Date: February 16, 2012





Item: "London's Natural History",  
 a book by R.S.R. Fitter, New Naturalists  
 Series No.3 (1945).  
 (which contains details of the once  
 great Starling murmurations in London).

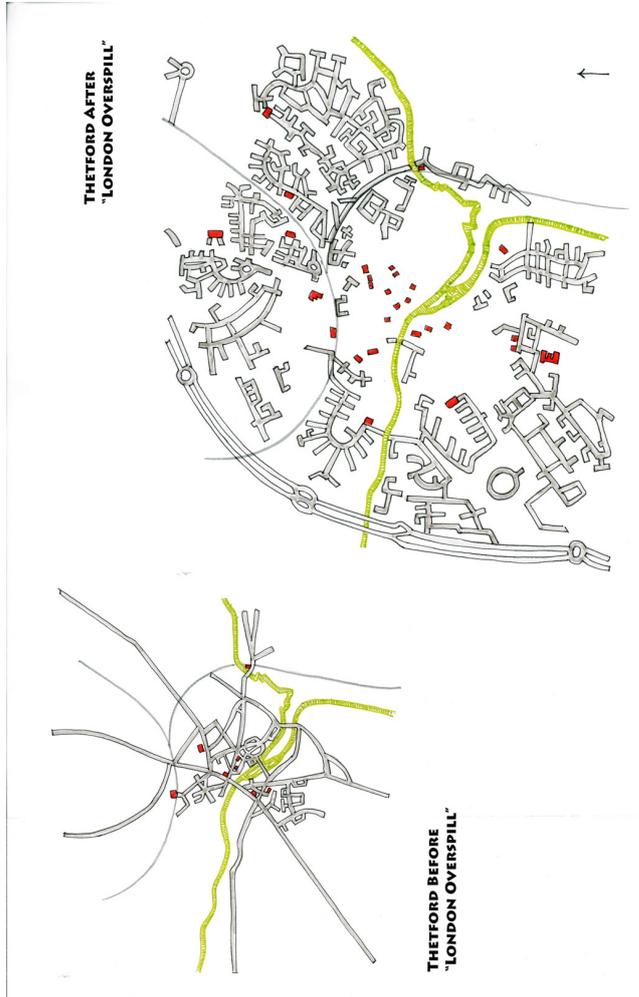
Location Collected:  
 Acquired by A.Hunter for Prof.  
 Starling from Black Cat Books, Lennoxville,  
 Quebec, CANADA.

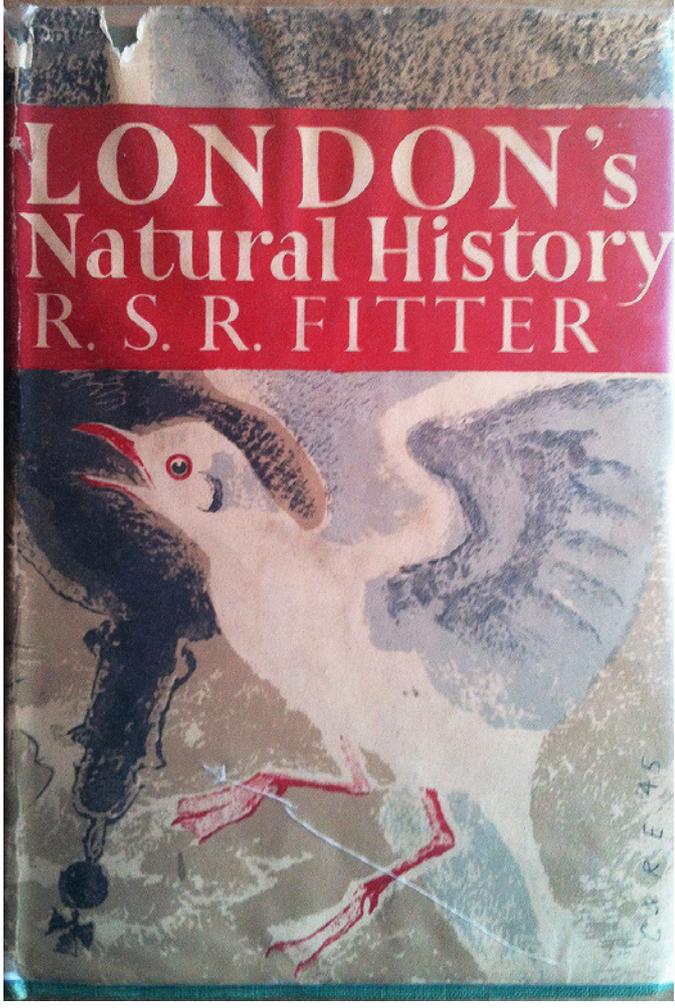
No. II Date: January 26, 2012

Item:  
 Aboriginal Artifacts from Western Canada

Location Collected:  
 Documented by J. Mills of Prof. Starling  
 research team, Pitt Rivers Museum,  
 Oxford, UK.

No. 05 Date: February 23, 2012





Item: "London Gardens of the Past",  
 a book by Helen G. Nussey, published by  
 John Lane\* (1937).  
 (\*not a known relation of Giles Lane of  
 Proboscis and Prof. Starling research team)

Location Collected:

Acquired by Prof. Starling from  
 a rare book and print stall in Gloucester  
 Green Market, Oxford, UK.

No. 10 Date: February 22, 2012

Item:  
 Thetford London Overspill / New Town  
 expansion interpretive map.

Location Collected:  
 Documented by L. Armstrong of Prof.  
 Starling research team, Ancient House  
 Museum, Thetford, Norfolk, UK.

No. 06 Date: February 16, 2012

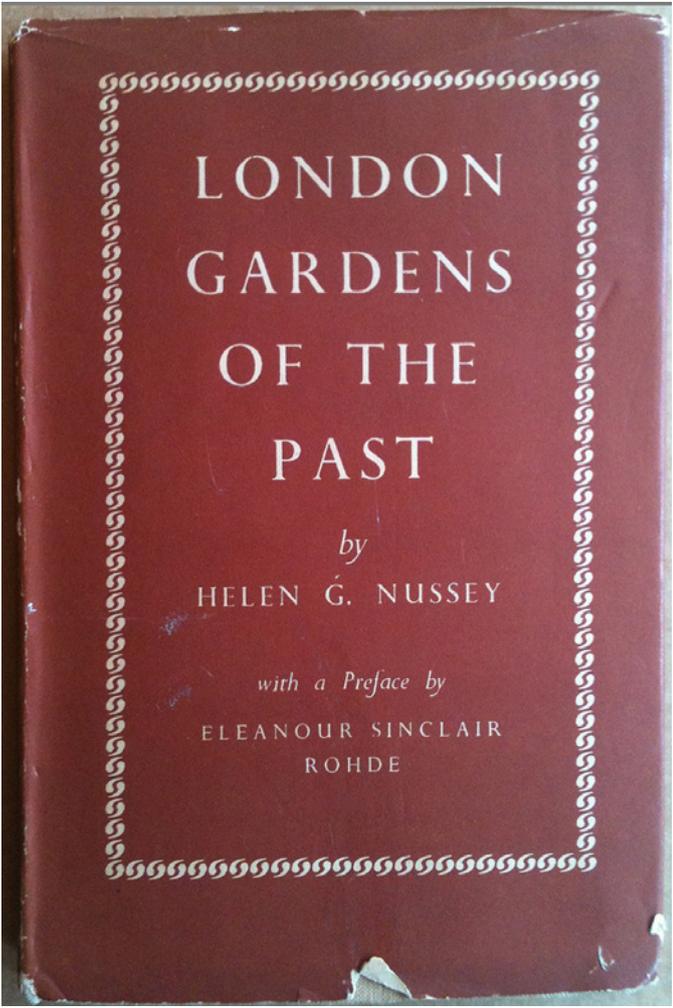




Item: 18th century hand-coloured etching of Porcupine of Hudson's Bay, British North America (now Canada).  
 \*Prof. Starling noted that the artist had clearly not seen such an animal in person.

Location Collected:  
 Acquired by Prof. Starling (along with an illustration of a Great Auk) from a rare book and print dealer, High Street, Oxford, UK.

No. 09 Date: February 22, 2012



Item:  
 Tools of observation - citizens engaged in indescreeet efforts to record Prof. Starling and research team at work.

Location Collected:  
 Documented by L. Yirmer of Prof. Starling research team, London and Oxford, UK.

No. 07 Date: February 20&22, 2012