

Some of my immersed seeds  
have come up after 82 & 85  
days immersion, viz Radishes,  
Beet, Atriplex, Capsicum,  
Oats, Cucurbita, Rhubarb,  
Lettuce, Carrots, Celery, &  
Onions.

Down Farnborough Kent  
Jul 21<sup>st</sup> -

My dear P. Gray

I must write one line to thank  
you for your letter of 11 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, &  
for its extremely kind manner in  
which you have acceded to my  
request (which I assure you I long  
hesitated whether I would make)  
about making the chosen  
species. I do not quite  
understand from Hooker's note,  
whether the seeds have arrived,  
but I fancy not; but I shall  
hear again in two or three days.  
Hooker read over your letter, & seems

to have been as much struck  
with it as I have been, - as  
showing in a most striking manner  
the geographical affinities of species,  
+ the difficulty of ascertaining  
what are species. - You

discipline in connecting & separating  
forms seems to me to be  
philosophical. The I much  
hope that someday you will  
be as good as you want  
+ write an "Essay on Species".

I hope, also, before end of  
year to hear the you

have found time to write on  
the geographical distribution  
of the U. S. plants; & if my  
letter caused you to do this  
some year or two before you  
Morrison would have done it,  
I shall congratulate myself  
in private, at having done  
good Botanical work.

Tragelium me with  
cordial thanks  
Yours very sincerely

(Charles Darwin





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