

University of Vermont.

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My dear Sir

Your letter inquiring  
about *Orepidium Spiculolum* Sw. is before  
me. In reply I may say that I can get a  
plenty of what I have always called by the  
above name & which answers the description.  
I may be in error in regard to it. I have now  
no specimens that I can send but can send lots  
of it next season if it is what you want. It  
is now several years since I have paid any very  
close attention to Ferns, except to cultivate them,  
& I am rather rusty upon the subject. I have not  
Swartz's description to refer to & so can not be  
sure that I have ever found the true *Spiculolum*

as it may all be var intermedium, we have  
also the other varieties, *Bortii* & *dilatatum* here. My  
chief work is in Zoology, though I am greatly  
interested in Ferns & formerly spent some time on  
them. I shall be glad to help you if I can. I think  
I can get the *Batrachium simplex* in the summer  
but am not sure of finding it. I have on hand  
no duplicates now but if you will write me  
in the summer when I can collect I shall be  
happy to be of service to you. I doubt much if  
*Asp. Lancastriense* be anything else than a form  
of *Asp. cristatum* as that varies somewhat &  
might approach a form like *Lancastriense* readily I  
think. I am sorry that I am at present  
unable to help you. I can get in abundance the  
following species, which I would like to exchange for any not  
in my collection I have all that you have marked & most of the  
others marked - *Campyloneurum*, *Phlegmaphyllum*, *Pellaea gracilis*, *Aspid.*  
*Goldianum*, *Aspid.*, *Spirulasma* var 2 & 3, <sup>Asplen.</sup> *Angustifolium* - *Asplen.*  
*Murana*.

Yours truly

G. N. Perkins.



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