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Dear Tim,

Welcome to Texas! Do you plan to start naturalization papers? I just got back from a tenting trip out to Arizona looking for birds in the Chiricahuas. Had a good deal of success with 5 lifers.

On the Bluff situation - the paper you asked about by Virgil Barnes entitled "Catalogue of Texas Meteorites" is actually in the volume called "Contributions to Geology, 1939". I have copied the pertinent parts from the article. There is no question that we have the #3 Bluff stone in the Monnig Collection because there is correspondance about this specimen in the files with a Mr. Bruns from whom the specimen was bought by Oscar. Glenn has labelled this specimen Bluff (b) and given it the number M179.1. The included map location for #3 pretty well corresponds with the location on Oscar's map for this specimen. The #2 Bluff is at UT's Bureau of Economic Geology in Austin. Should we try to get a piece of it? The original Bluff #1 weighing in at 320 pounds and sold to Ward's and then widely distributed is almost surely our slice with a Ward's label that Glenn labelled M52.5 and called it Bluff (a). What is confusing though is that none of the other M52's, Bluff (a), are slices and none carry Ward's labels. In fact one of them, M52.1, carries a label which says "bought from George Bruns, Apr. 1965"! This specimen weighs in at 620 grams (1 lb 6 oz). Another two labelled M52.2 and 52.3 are perfectly fitted together and are labelled "Bluff, Fayette County, G. F. Kunze". I assume G. F. Kunze was a dealer because I've seen that name elsewhere on specimens. Should we get sections of each of the M52's?

We have no "Cedar" specimens in the collection but feel that the roughly 3 miles separation of the Bluff field and the Cedar field shown on the included map warrants our assuming separate finds. Do you agree?

As for the Round Top - it's kind of far away in my way of thinking! I do remember that Round Top (b) was an H4 and therefore different from Round Top (a), an L5, and also that Round Top (b) was not located on the map in Oscar's files. Maybe when all is done with these Bluffs, pairing with Cedar might be possible - although we have no Cedar specimens!

Glad to hear you saw an apapane. When at the overlook in Kokee Park, did you see the white-tailed tropicbirds? They nest along the cliffs of the valley. As for bird photos, it is hard to get those beasties. Makes one admire the photography on this TV nature programs. One of the real highlights in my recent Chiricahua trip was a close view of the Elegant Trogons; these are Mexican birds that only get a little across the border into Arizona. They are remarkably beautiful.

Hope you are not suffering unduly in Houston!!!

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