

Charlotte Waters
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Dear Sir,
I am glad the rats
were of some interest - When sending
them I thought they were larger
than the sketch you showed me,
but as they agreed so well in
other respects I concluded that
they belonged to the same species,
and that the difference in size
was attributable to the luxuriance
of the feed about here. I hope
to get you some males, and
a female *Notoryctes* before
long, but I am afraid the
young of the latter are now
fairly

Many thanks for Hudson's
book which you so kindly
sent me. At present I am
suffering from bad eyes, so
that I have not been able to
domore than dip into it, but
I can see that I have a great
in store -

I will send something by next
mail if possible, and if not
when rain falls!

With kind regards

I am
Yours faithfully

P. M. Lyons

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from -

I have been trying to get information
from the natives that might shed
some light on the reason for
the stoutness of the rats' tails,
but without result. It's not
possible that some lizard ancestor
of theirs affected a caudal appendage
like *S. Pityurus*, and that the
peculiarity has survived in a
modified form?

The waters here are nearly dry,
and all the stocks have been
shipped to the Fairbanks so that
there is even less life than
usual about. I don't know
what we will do if no rain
falls before March, as the
stocks are existing on dust
and pebbles now.