

and says nothing about its origin or manner of arrival in Europe.

The 1600s would be very early for taxidermy as we know it today. Before the mid-1700s preservation relied heavily on evisceration and drying, not packing out with wads of soft material as we understand 'stuffed birds' to mean today. However, some simple study skins could have been filled with hay, fluffy seeds or similar material, so the story could actually be true.

Please can anyone offer a reliable source which provides actual evidence that Canadian fleabane arrived in Britain inside some preserved bird skins?

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31. Andrew Smith

Andrew Smith was a surgeon from Scotland who went to South Africa with the army. He was interested in the fauna of the region and was chosen as the first superintendent of the South African Museum in Cape Town. He became famous through a five-volume illustrated work describing a variety of animals, but he had published many items earlier, unfortunately largely in newspapers and journals which have become very rare indeed.

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