

Subject: Kingfisher

Date: Wed, 10 Feb 1999 07:23:53 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@compuserve.com>

Krys!

Did not get the kingfisher pic - instead there was some incomprehensible text! Could you send it again please?

Two days ago the Grimmet & Inskipp book has come. It is a wonderful work which will sap a birdwatcher in the field in no time. When is your fieldguide due?

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Best wishes and regards!

Aasheesh Pittie

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Subject: Kingfisher

Date: Wed, 10 Feb 1999 10:16:21 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

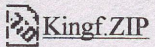
Hi Aasheesh,

It's a flying around kingfisher in an .exe file zipped up using WinZip.
I'll try again.

My estimate for the field guide is around July, but that's a guess.

Cheers

Kryz



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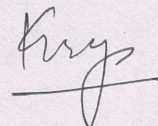
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Subject: Request for change of address

Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 14:16:20 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: sales@birdingworld.demon.co.uk



Dear Sir,

I am a subscriber of BIRDING WORLD from India and receive copies at the following address.

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INDIA

I have moved residence and would be grateful if you could send future issues to the address given below.

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BANJARA HILLS
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ANDHRA PRADESH
INDIA

Thanking You,

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Best wishes and regards!

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Hi!

Subject: Hi!

Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 14:19:18 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@compuserve.com>

Krys!

Thanks a lot for the kingfisher! Its wonderful and a source of endless entertainment for the kids! Best wishes for the book. Richard emailed me today with information that a pocket edition of their book is in the pipeline!

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Best wishes and regards!

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Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 19:54:57 -0500
From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>
Subject: Hi!
To: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hdl.vsnl.net.in>
Message-ID: <199902111955_MC2-6A2E-E4E5@compuserve.com>

Hi Aasheesh

Glad you liked the kingfisher.

I heard about the pocket version of the Griminsk guide in December. If I had known they were also going to produce a pocket version, I wouldn't have accepted the task of producing mine. It was apparently a relatively recent decision. Now the whole thing is, unfortunately, turning into a race to be the first out. Very depressing.

Cheers

Kryz

Hi!

Subject: Hi!

Date: Sat, 13 Feb 1999 08:28:07 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@compuserve.com>

Krys,

I think the success of your book vis-a-vis Richard's will lie with correct pricing. At least in India! If field IDs are easier and shorter with pointers on the plates, things will be much better and the value addition will be beneficial for sales.

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Best wishes and regards!

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Hi!

Subject: Hi!

Date: Sat, 13 Feb 1999 19:04:11 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Hi Aasheesh

Thanks for the advice. I wanted to put pointers on the plates but condensing everything onto 96 plates has meant there is not really room for them.

We are trying to keep the price as low as possible but that is ultimately up to the publishers.

All the best

Kryz

Subject: Distribution

Date: Wed, 24 Feb 1999 18:13:49 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Aasheesh

I have finally gotten stuck in to compiling the distribution maps for my field guide. Tim Inskipp's maps form a useful comparison but I don't always find myself in total agreement. It's a really tough job actually, if one wanted to pursue all of the many references thoroughly, for which I don't really have the time nor resources.

I do have a bit of a problem. I only have the Newsletter for Birdwatchers from Vol 29 onwards and the museum at Tring doesn't have most of the earlier ones either. I was wondering if you would mind my pestering you with the occasional question in regard of some of the distributional information in the articles in these earlier Newsletters?

Unfortunately, I find the information in the Newsletter is not always reliable but sometimes there is the odd tidbit that might be worth including on the maps. In this instance it is regarding Xmas Island Frigatebird. Would you mind checking the following articles for me to see whether the occurrences mentioned are worth marking on the map, perhaps with a question mark:

Dwarakanath, A. (1981) Christmas Island Frigate Bird seen in Karnataka. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 21(7): 16. [Fregata andrewsi]
Anon. (1981g) The Christmas Island Frigate Bird. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 21(8): 2-3. [Fregata andrewsi, Karnataka]

If so, whereabouts in Karnataka?

Pillai, N. G. (1964b) Occurrence of the Christmas Island Frigate Bird Fregata andrewsi at Ernakulam. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 4(7): 4. [Kerala]

Hope this isn't too much trouble.

All the best

Kryz

Subject: Frigate Bird-1

Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1999 23:18:47 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@compuserve.com>

Dear Krys,

I'd be pleased to do such little jobs of 'research' for you - anytime. Just send the queries. May be my answers will be a day or two late, but if I am able to get the answers, I'll send them.

Regarding Dwarakanath's Fregata andrewsi sighting:

A female specimen was obtained (alive, which subsequently died) in a village called Posar in Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka. The specimen was stuffed and kept at the Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and was to be shifted to the BNHS. (I do not know the outcome). On 3rd August (1981) there was a press report of another bird of the same species caught alive on the sea-shore in Udipi Taluk (Karnataka). A specimen of Frigata minor which was found in 1965 has also been kept at the KMC college. [This is not a verbatim transfer of text].

These notes are from your second citation (NLBW 21(8): 2-3), which is the Editorial and hence the Editor is the author (Zafar Futehally).

Unfortunately I do not have vol 4 no 7 of the NLBW and so cannot help you. But I wonder if the 1965 specimen which ZF refers to above, is this bird. The catch is that ZF refers to F. minor whereas your citation mentions F. andrewsi.

Happy unravelling!

Will reply regarding Frigate Bird Query-2 tomorrow.

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Best wishes and regards!

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Fregata ariel

Subject: Fregata ariel

Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1999 06:25:03 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Hi Aasheesh!

Do you know which month the following record of Fregata ariel refers to?

Santharam, V. (1983c) Coastal birds in and around Madras. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 23(11 & 12): 5-7.

Cheers

Kryz

Subject: Frigate Bird-1

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 07:25:48 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Message text written by Aasheesh Pittie

>I'd be pleased to do such little jobs of 'research' for you - anytime.
Just send the queries. May be my answers will be a day or two late, but
if I am able to get the answers, I'll send them.<

Dear Aasheesh,

Many, many thanks. That will be an enormous help. I'll try not to
overburden you with queries and there is no need to go into too much
detail. A one word answer to my second frigatebird query is likely to be
enough, for example: August, summer or unknown. I don't want to take up too
much of your valuable time.

Regarding Dwarakanath's Fregata andrewsi sighting:

> A female specimen was obtained (alive, which subsequently died) in a
village called Posar in Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka. The
specimen was stuffed and kept at the Kasturba Medical College, Manipal
and was to be shifted to the BNHS. (I do not know the outcome). On 3rd
August (1981) there was a press report of another bird of the same
species caught alive on the sea-shore in Udipi Taluk (Karnataka). A
specimen of Frigata minor which was found in 1965 has also been kept
at the KMC college. [This is not a verbatim transfer of text].<

Don't worry. I certainly don't need verbatim transcripts but just need the
place, the likelihood of it being a bona fide record. The month or date
would be useful as I'm trying to give an idea of the season using colour
coding on the maps.

All the very best

Kryz

Subject: Santharam's record

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 08:31:50 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@compuserve.com>

Dear Krys,

Santharam does not mention when he saw F. ariel. Am attaching a list of references from my biblio. on F. andrewsi. You may find something useful! Pardon a double entry of Futehally's citation.

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Best wishes and regards!

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Abdulali, H. (1960): THE CHRISTMAS ISLAND FRIGATE-BIRD (FREGATA ANDREWSI (MATHEWS) IN INDIAN WATERS - A CORRECTION. JBNHS. 57(3): 667-668. FREGATA ANDREWSI; INDIA

Ali, S. (1964): Correspondence: Frigate Birds. NLBW. 4(8): 10. ERNAKULAM; FREGATA ANDREWSI; FREGATA MINOR; FRIGATE BIRD; #KERALA

Dwarakanath, A. (1981): Christmas island frigate bird seen in karnataka. NLBW. 21(7): 16. FREGATA ANDREWSI; KARNATAKA

Editor (1981): Editorial - the christmas island frigate bird. NLBW. 21(8): 2-3. FREGATA ANDREWSI; KARNATAKA

Futehally, Z. (1981): Editorial - the christmas island frigate bird. NLBW. 21(8): 2-3. FREGATA ANDREWSI; KARNATAKA

Kumar P, M. & Kumar P, M. (1996): Correspondence: Occurrence of Christmas Frigate Bird. NLBW. 36(6): 113-114. FREGATA ANDREWSI; #KERALA; MALAPPURAM DISTRICT

Kunte, V. (1980): Frigate bird. NLBW. 20(5): 12. FREGATA ANDREWSI; MADRAS; #TAMIL NADU

Prater, S.H. (1929): OCCURRENCE OF THE XMAS ISLAND FRIGATE-BIRD (FREGATA ANDREWSI) ON THE WEST COAST OF INDIA. JBNHS. 33(2): 445-446. FREGATA ANDREWSI; #KERALA; QUILON

Santharam, V. (1982): Some rare encounters. NLBW. 22(5-6): 5-8. FREGATA ANDREWSI; HAEMATOPUS OSTRALEGUS; HIRUNDO RUSTICA; LOCUSTELL...

Saxena, A. (1994): SIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND FRIGATE BIRD FREGATA ANDREWSI MATHEWS IN THE ANDAMANS. JBNHS. 91(1): 138. #ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS; FREGATA ANDREWSI; MIDDLE ANDAMAN

Fregata andrewsi

Subject: Fregata andrewsi

Date: Sat, 27 Feb 1999 04:51:03 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Thanks Aasheesh!

Tim's bibliography entry for

Santharam, V. (1982b) Some rare encounters. Newsletter for Birdwatchers
22(5 & 6): 5-8.

Lists it as Fregata sp. rather than F. andrewsi implying some doubt as to
the specific identification. Hence I have left this one out. You may wish
to check.

The same applies to

Kunte, V. (1980a) Frigate bird. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 20(5): 12.

Does the following have any bearing on this?

Kunte, V. (1980b) Identification problem. Newsletter for Birdwatchers
20(5): 12.

Do you think these are acceptable records for andrewsi given the difficulty
of identifying frigatebirds to species?

Cheers

Cheers

Kryz

Subject: F. andrewsi

Date: Sat, 27 Feb 1999 21:29:54 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@compuserve.com>

Krys,

Santharam's record is not specific. His description is general and though for a young Frigate bird, I am not able to pinpoint the species. S says "I believe it could be an immature F. andrewsi."

Kunte's (1980a) refers to a frigate bird of unknown species in Madras. His other (1980b) refers to an unidentified bird which he says had "white underside and under wings, long white tail.." Grimmett & Inskip's book does not show any of the frigate birds with a white tail. This seems unresolved.

I do not think that either is an acceptable record for F. andrewsi.

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Best wishes and regards!

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Date: Sun, 28 Feb 1999 19:44:05 -0500

From: kryz <kryz@compuserve.com>

Subject: F. andrewsi

Message-ID: <199902281944_MC2-6C2F-74FD@compuserve.com>

Thanks Aasheesh!

I've never heard of a frigatebird with a white tail either! This is the kind of thing that makes one despair at times.

Best wishes

Kryz

USA based IEEE has proved what has been a century old suspicion in the world scientific community that the pioneer of wireless communication was Prof. Jagdeesh Bose and not Marconi.

The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in Saurashtra.

According to Saka King Rudradaman I of 150 CE a beautiful lake called 'Sudarshana' was constructed on the hills of Raivataka during Chandragupta Maurya's time.

Chess (Shataranja or AshtaPada) was invented in India.

Sushruta is the father of surgery. 2600 years ago he and health scientists of his time conducted complicated surgeries like cesareans, cataract, artificial limbs, fractures, urinary stones and even plastic surgery and brain surgery. Usage of anesthesia was well known in ancient India. Over 125 surgical equipment were used. Deep knowledge of anatomy, physiology, etiology, embryology, digestion, metabolism, genetics and immunity is also found in many texts.

When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley Indus Valley Civilization)

The place value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100 BC.

QUOTES ABOUT INDIA

Albert Einstein said: We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made.

Mark Twain said: India is, the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grand mother of tradition. Our most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only.

French scholar Romain Rolland said: If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India.

Hu Shih, former Ambassador of China to USA said: India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across her border.

All the above is just the TIP of the iceberg, the list could be endless.