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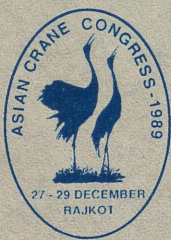
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Dear Aasheesh,

I came back to Ahmedabad from Rajkot three days back. The trip was interesting met lots of people mostly from Saurashtra region. Met Tej Mukherjee, he is really good in the field. He conveys his regards to you. I invited him for the seminar but he is anchored by his thesis work at Rajkot and can't move out any where it seems.

The congress was disappointing but the workshop was interesting. Duncan Parish, had come from Malaysia and conducted the workshop. AWB is getting a field manual of shore birds, I have asked for a copy of it. Let see how useful it is.

Met Lakshman Kachar at A'bad. He was full of praise for Mayura. Satharvan is joining BNHS based at ~~St~~ Srihankota. He is likely to start work from Feb. I am also



planning to go to Tada as a ringing
volunteer.

How is the work for the seminar going on?
Is Dillian Ripley coming? Dr. Hussain said he
would be coming. How was the Tirupati outing?

keep in touch.

Yours affectionately

Lark



Ref: Yours of 18/12 & 8/1

12th January 1990

Mr T Ganesh
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Dear Ganesh,

Thank you very much for your above mentioned letters and the New Year card. You will not believe how happy i am to receive your letters, the best part being you never forget to write no matter where you are stationed. Getting down to business;

First the queries re. Status of certain birds from the Hyd. region. None of the birds mentioned by you were seen by either Siraj sahab or me. Our criterion was 'personal sightings' for inclusion in status. Maybe in a later edition we can work out something to include reported sightings, provided they are accurate and regular. I request you here to kindly send me your personal sight records from the Alwal area and surrounds and also to keep us informed of any new sightings or extension of range (even if the range extension is close to ~~each other~~ ^{earlier record}).

White Stork: You do not mention who sighted the bird. I presume that it was you and Kanniah. Any more details about it? Any previous records from that area? Any subsequent news? Pl. let me know. All these notes you send me are not just read & forgotten. They are immediately jotted onto the index cards we maintain. So rest assured your work and data is secure & very valuable. About Col. Sparrow, i do not think that the Sec. Club will have any information. However will try and find out.

Work on the Seminar is now in full swing. Ripley, believe it or not (!) is not coming. But many people have confirmed for paper presentation and participation. Your own help is now much required as the various committees have been formed and we could do with some technical man on the paper sub-comm! We had acamp at Tulicat (SHAR) & not Tirupati as planned earlier. The latter was cancelled due to heavy New Year rush at Lord Venkateshwara's. This was a good experience. We saw the ringing of both forest and water birds. Of the latter the Curlew Sandpiper was of interest. More of this later, personally. Rest is fine. Come back as soon as possible & write!

Best wishes,

TG

I hope you are working on the paper
for our Seminar!

Ganesh, in your letter of 18th Dec, only the Whitebellied Minivettis mentioned as having been recorded by Col Sparrow. The other birds given below have no sight (person) record.

- King Vulture - Narsapur
- Red Spurfowl ♂ - Narsapur
- Painted " - Gundla Pochampalli ?
- Golden Plover - Fox Sagar
- Short-toed lark - Shamirpet & Alwal
- Reef Heron - Fox Sagar

Kindly send me the complete record ie., date of sighting, person sighting and locality. Any subsequent sightings.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

(Handwritten signature)

*I hope you are carrying on the birds
for our pleasure*

*Prasanna
JP*

Ahmedabad
18.1.90

J. J.

Dear Aasheesh,

Thank you for your letter of 12 Jan. It was nice to go through.

I am planning to come to Hyd'bad around 1st or 2nd Feb. I managed with great difficulty to convince people here that I should go. I still hope that I am not too late. I can devote all my time at Hyd'bad for the seminar. After the seminar on 10th or so I will have to go to Padicherry. There is a project on ~~the~~ Tropical Rain forest at Kalakad coming up, in fact already started, through the university. I am planning to join it around 15 Feb.

Your comments regarding the status of different birds sounds interesting. I don't have the data with me, but after coming back to Hyd'bad I shall let you know. I thought you had seen the King Vulture and Red spurfowl at Navsapur. My sighting of King Vulture is a little uncertain. Short-toed lark sighted at Shamirpet is recorded in Mayura in your column of 1st and last sightings. (I am not sure whether this sighting was by you or any other person). Yes, Kauniah and myself saw the ~~Red~~ White stork along with 12 white necked stork on a silk cotton tree. More details later.

NOTE: 1) Red spurfowl seen by me but after APCU visit went to Press. 2) King Vulture not seen, though Griffin was also as a one.

How was the water fowl census this year over there. I am feeling extremely bad that I have not been in Hyd'bad for any of the census so far. Did Kanniah contact you any time?

Hoping to see you soon.

With best wishes.

Yours
Ganesh

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To

Mr. Ansheesh Pittie

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T. Ganesh

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27/2/90

Dear Ansheesh

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11/90

I am giving below sight record of some of the species that you had mentioned in your letter of 12 Jan 1990.

1. Painted spurfowl : Was sighted in the scrub jungles of Gundla Pochampalli for last couple of years. But it was confirmed ~~only~~ as Painted spurfowl only on 3.12.89. Gundla Pochampalli is 22km north of Hyderabad off the National Highway no. 7.

There is a doubtful sight record of this species from Timaipally 32km from Hyderabad. Sighted by Kanniah and myself.

2. Golden Plover : Sighted only once at Foxsagar on 24.9.86. Sighted by myself only.

3. Reef Heron : Lone bird in Grey phase in the company of 32 Little Egrets at Foxsagar on 2.5.86. Sighted by myself only.

4. Short-toed lark : Often seen at Kompelli Kancha 18km north of Hyderabad. Usually seen from Dec to March. Flocks size ranges around 70-80 sometime going up to 150 and above. Sighted by Kanniah and myself.

I believe you have a record of this bird from Shamirpet in Mayura. Vol 5 No. 1.

I have no record of Red spurfowl and one record of King Vulture at Narsapur is doubtful.

~~the~~ also I have a record of Rufous fronted Wren Warbler from Shamirpet but I am not including it as I am not very sure of its identification. In case I come across it later I will let you know. Similarly there is a doubtful record of a Grosskopper warbler from Atwal which needs further confirmation.

The White stork mentioned in your letter was seen on 14.12.89. It was the 1st sighting for the Atwal area (Dairy farm). It was in the company of ~~2~~ 12 White necked storks which were on the ground close to a pond. Later all of them took off and were seen perched on a silk cotton tree. Sighted by Kanniah and myself.

There was a ~~another~~ sighting of a shrike which resembled none of the species found here. It was of the size of Bay backed shrike but there was no white on the wings, the black mask over the head was very little and the head was almost brown. Tail tips were partly white, rump greyish white, there were still ^{young?} few tail feathers which had not grown completely. These were rufous. However the leading edge of the wing was white like Bay backed shrike. Wonder whether it could be any subsp of Red backed shrike? The bird was confined to a small patch of Acacia sp and did not allow any shrike to enter it. No call heard even when chasing a R-fous backed shrike. The bird is seen at the Dairy farm, Atwal. seen on 17/2/90 & 27/2/90.

Recently been to Nizam Sagar & Yellareddy. Am sending a report on it. Saw something interesting! well, have to wait.

I am going to Paraly on 28th to join the Kalakad project. Will send the papers from there. Sorry could not make it to your place.

Love
Ganesh

27/2/90

Dear Asheesh,

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There was a sighting of Pied crested cuckoo on 17/2/90 near Shamirpet. It was a lone bird close to the state highway.

No other unusual sighting anywhere here so far. Recently saw juvenile horned owl at G. Pochampalli and a small Indian civet and of course Painted spurfowl. Immature sightings of horned owls do indicate that they nested at G.P.

I got a copy of the souvenir from Siraj Sahab. While going through it came across record of Griffon Vulture (Part V of the survey) at Hyd'bad & surroundings. However the checklist does not mention it. Why?

Write to Parody address
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I should be there for a week before starting for Kalkkad.

best wishes & regards.

Gard