

Poona
16-11-80.

My dear Zafar,

Your Circular letter of 10 re. Local Check-lists of Birds:

I am much pulled down by more than 2 weeks of 'flu & consequent weakness, and I just didn't feel able to tackle any extra chores of any kind. I have therefore handed your letter & list to a young, extremely keen & highly competent student. He will make at least as good a job of it as I could have done.

We both glanced through the Poona List together, & readily noticed quite a few birds that had been omitted - even for Poona itself. ^{(No. 3) (below)} Also a few birds included which neither of us had seen here.

I'm forgetting to clarify one essential point. What precisely do you mean by "Poona"? It could be (1) Poona Municipal area, (2) Greater Poona, (3) Poona District. From the inclusion of ^{Spur} Fowl, one concludes that the Compiler was considering (3) above. I would deprecate that, because ~~the~~ Dist. extends 90 miles NS of the same EW. But it's really for you to decide. Please clarify this point at your earliest.

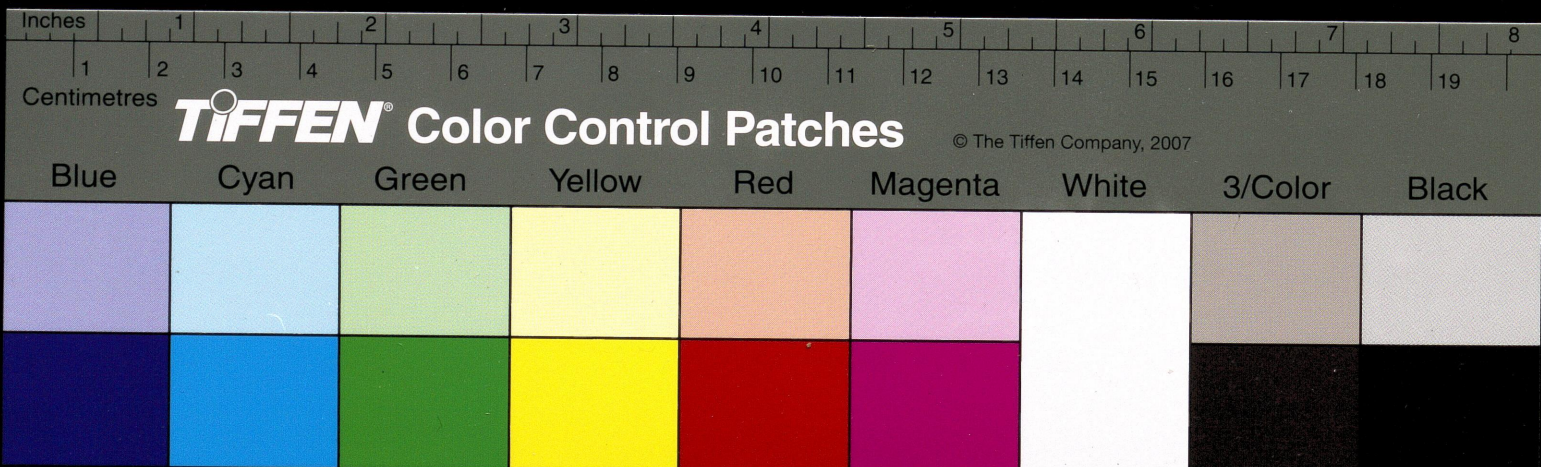
I hope you received my letter of 20 June.

No word from, or news of, a certain person for a very long time. I'm worried.

No more for now. I've so little energy & strength just now. All the best to Lacey & you & Shama - is she with you?

Tom.

23/11/80



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