

28 February, 1996

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Dear Richard,

I'm sure you did not expect such a quick letter from me. But I write to request you to write a letter of thanks to the A.P. Forest Department officials who helped us during your visit here. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. K. Jaganmohan for your reference. A letter just to him would be very nice.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the BSAP for having agreed to come over to Hyderabad and given an AVP to the members of the Society at such short notice.

I hope you did not have any problems at Bombay and that the flight to London was pleasant.

With best wishes to you and the family,

Yours truly



encl: as above.



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From: Richard Grimmett 30/6/1
Pages: 1 8 March 1996

Dear Aasheesh

Firstly, thank you very much for your considerable hospitality during my visit to Hyderabad. I enjoyed the birdwatching trips, your company and the first class accommodation very much. Please pass on my thanks to your wife and family, and also to Siraj and Rajiv.

I have sent, by separate post, a draft copy of the OBC checklist. If you wish to quote from it, please ask Tim Inskipp first.

I have also mailed a copy of your bibliography to the Natural History Book Service (and copied the letter to you).

I will try and obtain some information for your on running local clubs and organising evening classes. Do remind me if you don't receive something by the end of April!

I hope to see you in November in Bangalore, and let me know if you fancy a trip to see White-winged Tit and other birds in Gujarat.

Keep in touch,

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Joanna Keating

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1 April, 1996

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Dear Richard,

Thanks a lot for your fax of 8.3.96 and copies of letters to Krys and NHBS which I received on 25.3.96. You must have received mine of 28.2.96 addressed to your residence.

NHBS faxed me their willingness to stock and sell the Bibliographic Index. I have only you to thank for this. On making enquiries here I realised I would have to do some paper work and become an exporter (!) if I wanted to sell the book abroad. But I have faxed them a reply and will keep in touch with them.

In the meantime I have been able to get hold of a copy of the Smithsonian Index and do not hesitate to say that mine could well be the more user-friendly and considerably more detailed of the two. I have also begun work on Part II and have kept a very very tight schedule for completion. I want to bring it out in time for the November 96 conference in Bangalore. There's so much work to be done it seems best to do it in the BNHS for a month and then in the UK - where I will get all the foreign journals ! If wishes were horses!! Let me plug on here and see what comes of it.

Could you send me a report which was announced in OBC BULLETIN 21 p. 6, and is available with the OBC Information Officer - "A 70-page report covering South India, Sri Lanka and the Andaman Islands, by Brian Gee." It is priced at £ 10.00, plus ofcourse, the postage. We'll settle accounts in Bangalore. It would be nice to include such reports in the Index too.

Another interest^{ing} paper concerning India, if you could get hold of it for me, would be

Smith, D A (1979): Call of Booted Warbler. BRITISH BIRDS. 72(8): 387.

Have written to OBC Bulletin's editor for a copy of the 'India Special' Bulletin, which I have not yet received.

I hope all's well on Madras Road. Things are really getting hot in Madras, what with the elections round the corner and horse-trading rampant!

Hope to hear from you soon. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



● Asasheesh

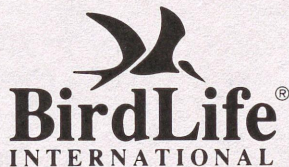
Hope the attached is
useful. Amy is working

with the Asia Division at the moment, so is searching for additional
information for you.

Best wishes, As requested

Richard

Amy Andaryati.



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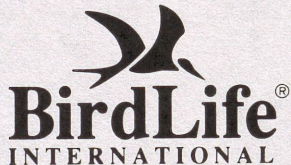
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Dear Aasheesh



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I promised to send you
a copy of the checklist. Hope all is well.

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11 June, 1996

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Dear Richard,

I don't know how to thank you for all the help you have been and the encouragement it has resulted in ! It is a bit embarrassing to say this, as it must be to read it, but I will say it all the same. Your concept of information sharing is so self-less that it is worthy of emulation, advertisement and exemplification. Would there were more like you in my very own India !!

I have received, with the arrival of the *Checklist*, every single thing which you promised to send me when you were here, and also those which I requested through the post. A lot of very useful material has been received from various birding societies in the UK which are eye-openers for us. And Brian Gee's report taught me how such stuff as a trip report is written and presented !

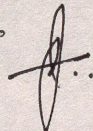
I am enclosing a couple of the latest nos. of *Pitta* for you. Our *Mayura* is still some time away. The BSAP is getting more active as you will see from the enclosures.

Had been for a short holiday to Coorg (now Kodagu) in Mercara (now Madikere) dist., of Karnataka, staying at a friend's coffee estate - and falling *ill* of all the damned things !! But did get in some hours of birding each day. Lovely eye-level sighting of a pair of duetting and preening (without a break) scimitar babblers, zipping lorikeets, screaming malabar parakeets, soul-filling notes from numerous spotted babblers and a back-and-forth conversation between two banded bay cuckoos (managed to scope one very clearly!). Wonderful place to the birds of which justice was not done. Perhaps another day, another time.

On a very very personal level, not to be quoted at all, I have some unhappy news for you. SACON seems to be dragging its feet on the November congress and friends in Bangalore are doubtful of it being held in that month. Indeed, the venue itself is under debate, even after all the publicity it has been given !! I do not know how much Mr. Hussain can catalyse the self-centered Indian ornithologist into activity for this event. Another more shocking and sacrilegious tid-bit from a conversation with a *common* and very apprehensive friend from SACON (whom I met in Bombay in mid May) questions the very wisdom of it being a BirdLife partner. Richard I hope you appreciate that *I have not mentioned this to you*. I hope it is all falsehood and hearsay. But please work at it in your own inimitable and discrete way. To me the issue is important because the cause is dear and the work to achieve it, above every temporal and earthly ambition.

The RD Book is another similar story. There are many candidate species which have been studied well by a handful of people and which can be written well about. But there are many more that nobody 'wants' and that have not been 'studied' as such. I have some of these and there is no guidance or tangible support from SACON on methodology, etc. Ultimately I feel it will boil down (for these less well known species) to literature surveys and reference work for compilation of species accounts. Visualising the wealth of information abroad (from such trip reports as Brian Gee's) I hope there is someone there combing through such tomes.

I hope all is well with you. With best wishes, Sincerely,



encl: *Pitta* Nos. 57-61 & 62. & letter to Anny Andaryati.

11 October, 1996

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Dear Richard,

It was nice talking to you on the phone yesterday. I give below the address and phone, etc., of Dr. Alan Morton who has designed this 'Distribution Mapping' (DMAP) software which can take place coordinate data from the birding database and super-impose it on a map of Andhra Pradesh.

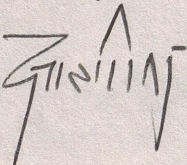
DR. ALAN J. MORTON, BLACKTHORN COTTAGE, CHAWRIDGE LANE, WINKFIELD, WINDSOR
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The cost of the software is approximately 55 pounds (UK) and perhaps 30-50 pounds (UK) more for a specially digitized map of A.P., which I will be sending him by post. Totalling approx. 80-100 pounds (UK). I feel uneasy about asking you this, but it is the easiest way of getting it from UK and the most hassle-free. I will ofcourse re-imburse you the amount in Coimbatore.

One more thing. If OBC is not going to sell their *Checklist* at the introductory price, at Coimbatore, then could you bring 2 copies for me ?

Thanks a lot. With best wishes and strength to your elbows for all the work !

Sincerely



25 November, 1996

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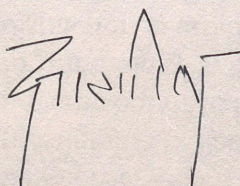
It was a pleasure meeting you at Coimbatore during the PASOC & BirdLife International meetings. I hope you had a pleasant journey back and that everyone at home is well, including the brand new little one !

I write primarily to record the following

- I had placed an order with Mike Crosby for a copy of BLI's publication on the endangered forest birds of Nepal and had paid him the money for it. I think you will have to help with postal charges.
- I want a copy of the new book by Lars Johnsson (on the birds of Europe). I new paperback edition seems to have been published this year. Failing which a copy of *A Dictionary of Birds* by Campbell & Lack would also do. I hope I have given you enough money to cover this !
- Dr. Alan J Morton's account has to be closed. I thank you and Anny for helping me out here. Please thank her on my behalf for bringing the floppy along. I have begun trying it with the database software and the results are truly thrilling !
- I remind you about the 'white-faced' plumage of some *Ploceus benghalensis* around Hyderabad. You promised to send a list of areas that specimens were collected from - from the British Museum of Natural History.

Do not know what the outcome of the BLI-Indian Partner meeting was. Do keep me informed about your shift to Indonesia and the new addresses, phone and fax numbers, etc.

Best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year !





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 Pittie Alcast Private Ltd, India
 From: Richard Grimmett
 Pages: 1 17 December 1996

Dear Aasheesh

Thanks for your fax of 25 November. I hope you found the Conference in Coimbatore useful. It was certainly nice to see you there.

I have a baby daughter, born four hours before I reached Cambridge (and 17 days late!). We have called her Ella.

I have the *Nepal Forest Birds Book* and Lars Johnson's *Birds of Europe* book. These have been despatched by air mail today. If I recall correctly, you gave me 3,000 INR, and the book cost £10.40 (= 575 Rs). Postage is £8.76 (= 484 Rs) which leaves 1941 Rs.

We have paid Andrew Morton for his computer work. I am pleased to hear that you are finding it useful.

I have kept a note of your interest in Black-breasted Weaver, and will try and get the information you require from the British Museum next time I visit. I plan to depart for Indonesia on or around 1st March and thereafter my best contact address will be: c/o BirdLife Indonesia Programme, PO Box 310\Boo, Jl. Achmad Yani No. 11, Bogor 16133, INDONESIA

Let's keep in touch,

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

pp. Joanna Keating

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Dear Richard

Congratulations on the arrival of Ella !

Thanks for your fax of 17th instant and the parcel of books which arrived in excellent condition yesterday !

Lars Jonsson's book has amazingly realistic illustrations.

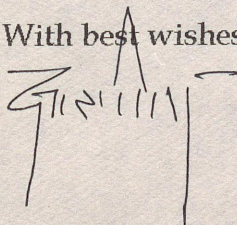
While browsing through *Nepal's Forest Birds*, I thought that perhaps the following book would be of some use to me:

The Value of Birds. 1987. Ed. A.W. Diamond and F.L. Filion. 275 pp. (£12.50).
ICBP Technical Publication Series No. 6.

I'd be grateful if you could send me a copy by air mail.

Thanking You

With best wishes



27 December, 1996

Page 1

BIRDWATCHER'S SOCIETY OF ANDHRA PRADESH COMMEMORATES THE BIRD-MAN OF INDIA

Dr. Salim Ali was an eminent Indian ornithologist who spent his entire life in the study of birds. He was well known for his efforts at making birds popular. He was also involved in the conservation movement in the country. For his efforts he was conferred the prestigious J. Paul Getty International Prize for wildlife conservation in 1976. The government of India also honoured him with the Padma Bhushan for distinguished service to ornithology in 1958 and in 1976 he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for continued distinction in ornithology.

As far back as 1941 Dr. Salim Ali, to popularize the study of birds in India, brought out *The Book of Indian Birds*, which formed the basis of all field studies of birds in India. This book has been followed by generations of bird-lovers in India and abroad.

The book was profusely illustrated to make it easy for birdwatchers to spot birds in the field and also provided extensive field notes on the birds. The popularity of this book resulted in a number of editions being constantly revised and printed to bring the content upto date.

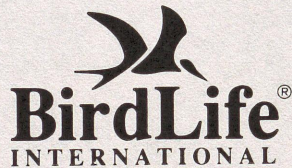
Dr. Salim Ali was born in 1896 and passed away in 1987 at the ripe old age of 91 years. In the year of his birth centenary, a revised and enlarged 'centenary' edition of *The Book Of Indian Birds* has been brought out by the Bombay Natural History Society. This edition covers 538 species of birds, as against the 296 species in the earlier edition, out of a total of 1,200 species described for the Indian subcontinent.

The Birdwatcher's Society of Andhra Pradesh was set up in 1980, by a group of amateur bird-lovers. Its activities include the documentation of birdlife in and around the twin-cities and also the state of Andhra Pradesh, study of birds as indicators of quality of habitats, field trips and indoor programmes for members, annual camps, slide and film shows and publication of a monthly news bulletin PITTA and a bi-annual journal MAYURA.

The Birdwatcher's Society of A.P. has worked in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society since a number of years and has arranged the release of this book as a tribute to the doyen of bird-lovers of India.

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Re: [Fwd: Hi!]

Subject: Re: [Fwd: Hi!]

Date: Wed, 20 Jan 1999 21:58:27 +0000

From: Richard Grimmett <richardg@indo.net.id>

To: aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in

Dear Aasheesh,

I am really sorry I didn't correspond with you earlier. I am such a bad correspondent!

I couldn't download the volume of Pitta you sent me; I prefer to receive it as a hard copy anyway.

I hope all is well.

As you may have heard, my India book is out and I have asked the publisher to send you a copy. Let me know if nothing arrives.

Keep in touch,

Best wishes,

Richard

At 08:02 17/04/98 -0700, you wrote:

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>Best wishes and regards,

>Aasheesh Pittie

>Hyderabad, India

><AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

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>Dear Richard,

> I hope all is well at your end! Things are great here. Attaching a copy
>of PITTA # 84, April 1998. It is in MSWord format. Please tell me if you
>are able to download it properly. Otherwise I will have to send it in
>plain text.

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>Best wishes and regards,

>Aasheesh Pittie

>Hyderabad, India

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Hi!

Subject: Hi!

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Dear Richard,

Thanks for your email. You are really a smashing chap to ask your publisher to send me a copy. I hope it arrives soon!

A few of us went down to Kolleru Lake and had a wonderful waterfowl count last week. 70,000 odd waterfowl in all. Large populations of lesser whistling teal, openbill stork, egrets, terns, glossy ibis, etc.

How're things with you? Any chance of coming to India?

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Best wishes and regards!

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From: Richard Grimmett <richardg@indo.net.id>

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

Aasheesh,

Pleased you like it.

I would of course be delighted to have any comments or criticisms and any information to add for an eventual second edition.

Don't break your back with it in the field; a pocket version is on its way (six months off).

At 21:03 09/02/99 +0530, you wrote:

>Dear Richard,

> The tome arrived today! Wow! This must have been some task to put together. It is simply wonderful. Imagine pouring over those lush plates of our common birds! All appointments have been cancelled for the next 3 days! Sahab is very busy with some important 'avian' visitors!

> Thanks once again! That saying is quite true you know. Do not hesitate in entertaining strangers, some have entertained angels unknown. Something to that order. I don't know how I will ever 'repay' this generosity. It is a wonderful wonderful gift. Please accept a heartfelt thanks. Love to the kids and wife!

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>Best wishes and regards!

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