

**Subject: Greetings**

**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 1998 13:51:43 -0500

**From:** jcarroll@umassd.edu

**To:** AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in

Hello,

Nice to see a posting from Hyderabad on Birdchat. I was at the University of Hyderabad for a year (1993) and enjoyed it very much. Most of my birding in Hyderabad was on the campus, and a little at ICRISAT and around Osmania University. It's a place I would love to revisit and bird Andhra again to pick up all the species I missed, which were many since I was not very mobile. And I never did get to bird the East Ghats. My favorite bird to this day is Ashy Prinia!

I hope everything is going well in Hyderabad and that you will have a pleasant winter season.

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**Subject: Greetings from Hyderabad**

**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 1998 06:47:50 +0530

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

**To:** jcarroll@umassd.edu

Dear John,

What a wonderful surprise your e-mail was! Andhra Pradesh is a pretty good place for birds and ICRISAT, and campuses of Hyd. University and Osmania University are wonderful places of differing habitat, extremely good for birds.

We have a Birdwatchers' Society of A.P. going here, since 1980, which arranges monthly field outings for members, mainly around Hyderabad. Yesterday was one such trip to a place called Uma Maheshwaram, 150 km away from the city, on the edge of the Srisaillam Tiger Reserve. Our destination was a small Shiva shrine built on a ledge projecting from a sheer rock face. There is a perennial source of water here which creates a niche of moist deciduous forest, thus springing up surprising bird species!

We saw the endemic Yellowthroated Bulbul, Emerald Dove, 3 species of drongos, 4 species of flycatchers, 2 thrushes, etc. It was a beautiful, fulfilling day.

I am attaching a copy of our monthly bulletin, PITTA, which will inform you of our activities in some detail. Would love to hear what you think of it!

On your next visit to India, drop down to Hyderabad. Lets do some birding together!

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Best wishes and regards!

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**Date:** Thu, 17 Dec 1998 16:33:19 -0500

**From:** "John J. Carroll" <JCarroll@umassd.edu>

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

Hi Aasheesh,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your newsletter PITTA. I was very interested to read the doings around Hyderabad and your field trips, as well as other news. I would appreciate seeing other editions as you put them out.

I was very pleased to see the University of Hyderabad campus listed as an important site. Every day I would find something different there. Occasionally a villager could be heard hacking at a bit of the thorn jungle, but it remained in good shape when I left. There are also some wonderful wetlands down the Old Bombay Road, about a half mile from the campus, full of ducks and other waterfowl.

Good birding in Hyderabad and keep up the good work.

John Carroll  
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