

**Subject: Ferruginous Flycatcher**

**Date:** Thu, 01 Jul 1999 12:02:47 +0530

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

**To:** Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys,

All references subsequent to Jerdon's publication refer to his record. We should not have put that 'A' against the bird in our Checklist. It is a mistake. Amateurs!!

Did you see a review of your book in BIRDWATCHERS' DIGEST? Please let me know. OBC Bulletin hasn't reached me yet.

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Best wishes and regards!

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Date: Thu, 1 Jul 1999 10:00:52 +0100

Dear Aasheesh

Thanks for the clarification. We are all amateurs, Aasheesh, but I use the word positively. No-one and nothing are perfect.

Someone did send me the review from Birdwatchers Digest thanks. The review in the latest OBC Bull is also embarrassingly positive. I have met the author on a couple of occasions but can't claim to know him well, so that can't be the reason.

Good news is that we have reached an agreement with OUP on an Indian edition. They hope to bring it out by December. The price should be in the region of one-third of the UK price.

Cheers

Krys

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**Subject:** Xeroxes, etc

**Date:** Fri, 02 Jul 1999 14:26:46 +0530

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

**To:** Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys

Thanks for the Xeroxes. I received them a day or so ago! And thanks for the Ferruginous Flycatcher e-mail. Both, '3' and 'A' against it seem to be a mistake.

You are a good friend!

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Best wishes and regards!

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Subject: Twilight  
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 1999 12:00:35 +0100

Dear Smaran,

I have now gotten around to reading the latest issue of Twilight you sent me and must say I am impressed with the quality of the articles. Your little publication is improving every time. Congratulations!

I found the articles on the Sunderbans most useful and they have helped fill in a few pieces of the jigsaws of my distribution maps. I'm also glad to see the use of the 'new' names in Kushal Mookherjee's article. We are gradually making progress towards standardisation, so that we will eventually all know which birds we are talking about. The process will, however, inevitably take time and there will be setbacks and corrections.

In Mr. Mookherjee's article, I think the reference to Eurasian Scops Owl (*Otus scops*) certainly must intend Oriental Scops Owl (*Otus sunia*), which was formerly treated as a subspecies of *O. scops* but has now been split from it as a full species. *O. sunia* is a fairly widespread and common resident in the Subcontinent, whereas *O. scops* is a rare vagrant to western India.

I would be interested to know more about the exact status of the following species, i.e. degree of abundance (common, fairly common, uncommon, scarce or rare) and seasonality (resident, summer, winter or passage), if you get a chance to ask him:

Goliath Heron  
Ferruginous Pochard  
Baer's Pochard  
Slaty-legged Crake  
Eurasian Oystercatcher  
Lesser Cuckoo  
Brown-winged Kingfisher  
Ruddy Kingfisher  
Indian Pitta  
Long-tailed Shrike  
Yellow-bellied Prinia  
Forest Wagtail

Is Striated Babbler also found deep into the mangroves or just at the northern edge of the Sunderbans?

It would have been nice to also use the new names in the articles and checklist by Prosenjit Das Gupta and Arijit Chaudhuri, in order to achieve some kind of consistency within the publication.

There is a problem with the record of the scimitar babbler in that the old 'Slaty-headed Scimitar Babbler' has been split into two: the endemic Indian Scimitar Babbler (*Pomatorhinus horsfieldii*), found in the peninsula and Sri Lanka, and the White-browed Scimitar Babbler (*Pomatorhinus schisticeps*), distributed through the Himalaya to Bangladesh. These correspond more-or-less to the two subspecies shown in the Pictorial Guide, though whoever compiled the distributional information got it muddled up. Since the record was from an area in between the distribution of these two species, it would be interesting to know which one it was. Unfortunately the description given is lacking the details necessary for specific identification. Obviously, future visitors should keep an eye open for these birds and try to get a more detailed description.

In the checklist, I would suggest the record of Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) be deleted. Identification of the large gulls found in the Subcontinent has for long been a problem. It now seems that there are no acceptable records of this species. Indeed it is unlikely to stray this far away from its usual east-African wintering range. Indian records of

large, very dark-backed gulls are generally attributable to Heuglin's Gull (*Larus heuglini*), formerly considered by some to be a race of Lesser Black-backed, by others to be a race of Herring Gull.

I would also be interested to know whether the record of Blue-faced Malkoha (Small Green-billed Malkoha) is correct, or should this refer to the (Large) Green-billed Malkoha. Mookherjee mentions only the latter, whereas the checklist only gives the former. I suspect this may be a mis-identification or confusion, since Ali & Ripley state that the northernmost known record of Small Green-billed is Cuttack.

Smaran, I think it might be a good idea if in future you send me electronic versions of any articles mentioning birds, so that I can check them over and we try to purge them of any such errors before they make their way into print. Once published, errors tend to make their way into the wider literature and are often perpetuated in subsequent publications.

~~Later corrections and retractions are often overlooked.~~

How reliable is the record of Sanderling? This is normally a winter visitor, and fairly scarce on the eastern seaboard at that.

~~Keep up~~ the good work

Very best wishes

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places

**Subject:** places

**Date:** Wed, 14 Jul 1999 09:55:47 +0100

**From:** "Krys" <krys@krys.net>

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

Hi Aasheesh!

Any idea where the following places are?

Dinapur/Dinapore

Buscar

Muddapur (Bengal)

Krys

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**Subject: Places**

**Date:** Thu, 15 Jul 1999 08:01:28 +0530

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

**To:** Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys:

Dinapur / Dinapore: 15km NW of Patna (Patna district), NW Bihar.  
25deg38'N 85deg3'E (Pin: 801503).  
Buscar = Buxar??? Otherwise no info.  
Muddapur (Bengal): No info.

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Best wishes and regards!

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**Subject:** Twilight, etc

**Date:** Wed, 14 Jul 1999 16:35:28 +0530

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

**To:** Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys,

Thanks for TWILIGHT which arrived yesterday. The new BIRDING WORLD has just arrived and I could not wait to send this e-mail. What a magnificent painting of the Bearded Vulture it sports on the cover! Its mind-blowing to say the least and unbelievably detailed! Of which dust is this guy, Trevor Boyer, sculpted?! Hat's off to him.

August, September and November seem to be months of big spending for me! Lots of books round the corner that I want to get my hands on!

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Best wishes and regards!

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Re: Twilight, etc

**Subject: Re: Twilight, etc**

**Date:** Wed, 14 Jul 1999 20:59:01 +0100

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

Hi Aasheesh!

>What a magnificent painting of the Bearded Vulture it sports on the cover! Its mind-blowing to say the least and unbelievably detailed!<

Yes it is rather amazing. Though the rock below the Lammergeier looks almost velvety soft.

Why not frame it and show it at WASH?

Cheers

Krys

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To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>  
Subject: Re: Collaboration  
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1999 11:11:03 +0100

Dear Aasheesh,

Many thanks for sending the latest JBNHS and the two Hornbills which arrived just an hour ago. I see the photo on the cover of the former is a new departure. Good to give photographers a showcase like that. Typically, the first thing I look at inside the journal, the map accompanying the article on Swamp Francolin, is all wrong (mislabelled locations). I was going to check my distribution map against it, but that now seems a waste of time. Why can't these people be more careful? Sorry to gripe. We all make mistakes, but sometimes I wonder if the number of mistakes couldn't be reduced a bit, especially when it's something at the core of the subject.

I'm trying to find a way of dampening Kumar Ghorpade's ardour somewhat. I have composed a reply to his latest email as below. Do you think I can send it, or is it a bit 'over the top'. I would like to put him off but not really upset him.

I'm not usually this unfriendly as you know, but I just feel his attentions are a bit oppressive. I hope I'm not putting you in too embarrassing a position. Please feel free to say 'no comment' if you feel so inclined.

All the best

Krys

Dear Kumar,

> Your letter with the IMO cheque came some time ago. It wasn't made out to the Indian Postal Department but payable at an American bank !>Anyway, I > have deposited it with a bank of mine who tell me it will take 2-3 weeks to> be credited into my account.

The payment you requested was in American dollars. My British Bank in Britain no doubt had to work through an American bank to achieve this. Had the payment been in Indian Rupees, the procedure would no doubt have been simpler.

>I will mail you HUMEA inaugural issue> immediately, but wait until your IMO cheque is credited before sending you > the other published issues of HUMEA and the inaugural volume (1997) of> "Indian Journal of Biodiversity".

Many thanks.

> I hope you got my earlier reply to this letter of yours ?

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>I will wait> for the Indian 'imprint' of your book for a detailed review in my journals> and also offer it to some leading Indian biological periodicals. You should> get hold of an Indian book distributor for better sales in India. UBSPD at> Delhi Head Office are one of the better distributors.

The Indian publisher will be taking care of that aspect, thank you.

> I am glad we have got in corresponding touch finally. Did you see my> brief comments on your book published by Aasheesh Pittie (my good old friend> !) in PITTA ?

I didn't, but not all issues have gotten through to me.

>I would like to enquire if you are in a position to help me> with some literature (as photocopies) published in European journals ? I> need to have some important taxonomic or other papers to come to decisions> on a number of Indian taxa. I need the paper in the "Bull. Br. Ornith.> Club" where Ripley and Beehler described Malacocincla abbotti> krishnarajui. I can send you the actual reference if you need it. These> are the taxa now recognized as "subspecies" that I believe should be raised,> correctly, to species status. Also, can you tell me what the type of > Lanius schach from China looked like ? Was it the erythronotus "form"> or a black-headed form ? Here I believe caniceps Blyth is a GOOD species> and not a "subspecies" of schach, or of erythronotus. Would it be > possible for you to check the =original descriptions= of Linnaeus' schach,> Vigors' erythronotus and Hodgson's tricolor ?

My usual consultancy rate is GBP20 per hour plus travelling expenses. For a special trip to the Natural History Museum (Bird Dept.) at Tring, which this would entail, I charge a minimum of half a day, i.e. 4 hours. In this case travelling expenses would be GBP15. Total cost GBP95 (approximately US Dollars 200).

> Thanks.

> In return for any of your help with literature, I would be more than > willing to help you with anything you need from here.

Can't think of anything, thank you.

> Finally, this year I have begun a specialized wildlife tourism service,> WILDERNESS INDIA, for naturalists from abroad who would like to spend >quality time in the real jungles and other wild places in India. I wonder> if you could help me, in acquiring decent "clients" (called "guests" by me> !) from Europe, by acting as my authorized "agent" ? I would be pleased to see> that you also benefit financially from any clients you book for W.I. The> potential for this kind of service here is fantastic but only if an> experienced and well-known naturalist guide like me is promoting it and > conducting trips himself. Please think about this seriously and let me know> quickly.

I'm afraid I regularly receive such requests/offers. Since I am also involved in leading naturalist tour groups and have prior affiliations with other tour operators, you will no doubt understand that I am not in a position to be of any assistance to you in this matter. I will, however, bear your offer in mind should an occasion present itself in the future.

Best wishes

Krys

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**Subject:** KG, etc

**Date:** Tue, 20 Jul 1999 07:09:25 +0530

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**To:** Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys,

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As I've already said, the rest of the letter is fine. I wouldn't get involved with KG in any financial matters at all. This is from experience....which we needn't go into. But if you are keen, I'll give examples/reasons later.

Just received an e-mail from Martin Woodcock. He will not be able to come. Prior engagements in Africa and Nepal, plus painting commitments. But he has sent a lovely letter, full of encouragement and hopes he can come the next time around!

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**Subject: Re: KG, etc**

**Date:** Tue, 20 Jul 1999 10:23:55 +0100

**From:** "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

Many thanks for your thoughts re. KG. I shall of course keep them confidential, as I am sure you will mine.

Sorry to hear Martin Woodcock won't be able to make WASH. I assume you have liaised with Carl D'Silva on this. I will try to get hold of Tim Worfolk again. Do you definitely want someone to hold a workshop, or just give a talk?

Very best wishes

Krys

----- Original Message -----

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

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Sent: 20 July 1999 02:39

Subject: KG, etc

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Subject: Re: Nigel Lindsey  
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 20:51:02 +0100

Dear Aasheesh,

I haven't been in touch with him for a while but as far as I know it is still n.j.lindsey@bradford.ac.uk

Please let me know if it works.

Cheers

Krys

----- Original Message -----

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>  
To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>  
Sent: 23 July 1999 17:08  
Subject: Nigel Lindsey

> Krys,

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> Would you have Nigel's Email address?

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> Best wishes and regards!

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**Subject: OrientalBirding**

**Date:** Sun, 25 Jul 1999 13:13:21 +0100

**From:** "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

I don't know if I have mentioned it before, but we are launching a new Internet discussion group called OrientalBirding. It will be similar to NatHist India but restricted to birds while covering the whole Oriental region. Obviously there is a bit of overlap in interests between the two lists but on the whole I think they will complement each other.

Initially I am sending out invites to key, active people like yourself. It will take a while for the group to become established, so I hope you will be patient if there are not many messages to begin with. In the meantime it would help if you could support the group and send in the occasional posting to help build up its momentum.

To join, send an e-mail, which can be blank, to:

[orientalbirding-subscribe@egroups.com](mailto:orientalbirding-subscribe@egroups.com)

If you are worried about receiving too many e-mails, then there are a couple of digest summary options available. Further details are in the Welcome Message sent to new subscribers.

Hope you'll find the list useful and informative.

Krys  
[listmanager@orientalbirdclub.org](mailto:listmanager@orientalbirdclub.org)

PS - The 'OrientalBirding' discussion group is hosted by eGroups.com. The Oriental Bird Club sponsors the discussion group in order that third-party advertising will not be added to the group messages. Both Oriental Bird Club and eGroups.com will NEVER sell or exchange users' names or e-mail addresses to any other party or organisation, without the explicit permission of the user.

**Subject: Re: OrientalBirding**

**Date:** Sun, 25 Jul 1999 21:57:54 +0100

**From:** "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

**To:** "Aasheesh Pittie" <AASHEESH@hdl.vsnl.net.in>

Thanks Aasheesh!

BTW, I still haven't tried to contact Tim Worfolk again because I haven't had a reply to my question: Would you want him to hold a workshop, or just give a talk?

Cheers

Krys

----- Original Message -----

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hdl.vsnl.net.in>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Sent: 25 July 1999 17:41

Subject: OrientalBirding

> Krys

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> *All the best for the venture. May your elbows be strengthened and may*

> *you ride the mouse as adroitly as our Ganesh! ;-)*

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> *Best wishes and regards!*

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**Subject:** Tim Worfolk, etc.

**Date:** Mon, 26 Jul 1999 06:54:49 +0530

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

**To:** Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys

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Since these two are here and willing, I think it may not be prudent to bite more than we can chew in the first WASH (Wildlife Art Show, Hyderabad !) exhibition. Therefore I think we will not provide for the travel expenses of any foreign resource persons for this show. If you think Tim W will travel under his own steam, then he is most welcome. We can provide travel expenses within India, and ofcourse hospitality in Hyderabad. He could either share the responsibility of the workshop or restrict his involvement to a lecture. That's his privilege.

Am waiting however, for the arrival of Clive Byres in September when we can fix things up with him.

I plan to join a 10-day ringing course at Tirupati Hills from 23.viii, organized by BNHS. A certificate will be given those who complete the 20-day course, but that is one day too many for me. I'll be satisfied with learning how to ring forest birds this year, and think about waterbirds the next year.

Your book seems to have been announced for September. Have you finished all the work and sent off the stuff to the publishers? When is your cut-off date?

For the new OrientalBirding discussion group, would PITTA on a regular basis be appropriate? How about Kumar Ghorpade's Letters in PITTA?

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Best wishes and regards!

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**Subject: Re: Tim Worfolk, etc.**

**Date:** Mon, 26 Jul 1999 10:10:47 +0100

**From:** "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

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

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Looks like you have things under control.

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Sounds interesting. I'd love to join you. Will it be led by Balachandran? If so, please give him my warmest regards.

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> all the work and sent off the stuff to the publishers? When is your  
> cut-off date?

My guess is October. I'm still giving the final polish to the maps. The n I have to start going through the first set of text proofs, to which there are quite a lot of corrections. I shouldn't really have allowed myself to get sidetracked onto OrientalBirding but it is a project that has been bubbling in the background for a while now.

> For the new OrientalBirding discussion group, would PITTA on a regular  
> basis be appropriate?

I think it is more appropriate for NatHist India in that format. You could occasionally pick out highlights, or a report of one of your outings, and/or

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just announce it's publication (with a list of contents), suggesting that if anyone wants to subscribe they get in touch with you.

>How about Kumar Ghorpade's Letters in PITTA?

On the whole a bit too long-winded and turgid for my taste, between you and me. I haven't sent him a direct invitation, though I wouldn't stop him joining.

All the best

Krys

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