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No. F. 297-1/83-Tech(Bird)/ 19162

Dear Sri Pittie,

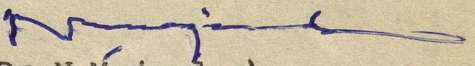
Introducing myself, I have been working on birds in the Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta, since 1974 as an Officer-in-charge of the section.

In connection with an International symposium on conservation of storks, I require some information regarding the present day distribution of White Stork, Ciconia ciconia ciconia (Linnaeus) in India. I received few information from Sri M.Krishnan of Madras and from Sri Humayun Abdulali of Bombay. As suggested by Sri H.Abdulali, I am requesting you, as you are a keen bird observer, to furnish me about the sight records of White Stork for the last few years. If you can recollect, kindly give the localities, date (month & year) and number of individual.

I require this information very urgently.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Dr Majumdar

I have received your letter dated 25/9/85; No. F 297-1/83-Tech(Bird)/19162, today.

Personally, i do not have any sight records of the White Stork Ciconia ciconia in my files. But there have been unconfirmed sight records of this bird around Hyderabad in the past 3-4 years.

However, a serialised paper in the newsletter MAYURA brought out quarterly by our Birdwatchers' Society of Andhra Pradesh by Shri Pushp Kumar (Survey of Birds of Andhra Pradesh-V: MAYURA Vol 2 No 2) contains the following note on this bird.
"The White Stork is not found commonly in the State. It is a migrant which arrives around Nov and is seen upto Mar. One bird was recovered in Kurnool District near Bangarupalli in 1979. It had a ring on its left leg with the legend, 'Dept. of Environment, Teheran'. This was duly informed to the Director of Environment, Teheran and BNHS. Two White Storks were also seen on the shores of Dindi Reservoir in Feb 1981. They were seen till Apr 81 in the company of openbilled storks, egrets, flamingoes, etc."

As separate information, i am giving below 2 bibliographies with me on this bird.

1) Bhaskaran, S T - White Storks in Vellore - Newsletter For Birdwatchers - 21/5/18.

Johnson, J M - A Large Flock of Migrating White Storks - JBNHS - 81/2/466.

Karat, A C, et al - White Storks on Migration - NFBW - 21/3-4/11.

Varu, S N - White Storks on Migration - NFBW - 21/6/13.

2) Ali, Salim (1933-4):- The Hyderabad State Ornithological Survey - JBNHS - 37/450. (No specimens collected. Noted at

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Narsampet (29/11/1931), Devarkonda (11/2/1932), Deglur (15/3/32)
Four birds were seen near Narsampet.)

Law, S C (1925):- Occurrence of *Pelicanus roseus* in the
Vizagapatnam District - JBNHS - 30/483. (Mentions of 6 '*Ciconia*
alba' at Vizagapatnam.)

One more thing. In Telugu the white stork is known as "Wadumi
Konga", and in Hyderabad Urdu as "Ujli".

Wishing you the best for your project!

Yours sincerely,

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