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24th January 1994

Mr. Aasheesh Pittie,  
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My dear Aasheesh,

I apologise for taking so long to reply to your letter of 13th December. We were away in Bombay for most of December and that is why the delay has occurred.

You mention in your letter that the Index for 10 years has been given to Sridhar. I will try and get this published as soon as possible. Your suggestions about the Newsletter and the O.S.I. are very helpful and I will keep them in mind.

Is it possible for you to send me a list of subscribers to the Newsletter from Andhra Pradesh? I know that this list has to be procured from Sridhar, which I will do, but in case you also have a list handy, please send it to me.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*Zafar Futehally*  
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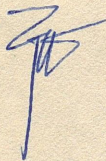
Dear Mr. Futehally,

Enclosed is a list of subscribers from A.P., as requested by you.

This list was given me by Dr. S. Subramanya, after the Coimbatore meeting, and pertains to 1992-93.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Encl: as above.

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June 19, 1994

Mr. Zafar Futehally  
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Dear Mr. Futehally,

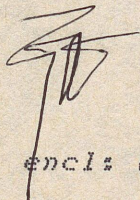
Enclosed is a small piece on the Koel and the Golden Oriole, for  
the Newsletter.

The remarkable point which emerges from the whole episode is the  
fact that we still know so little about the most basic biology,  
like feeding and nesting, of our most common birds !

I hope this finds you and Mrs. Futehally in good health and  
spirit !

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



encl: Mss. of "An incident between a Koel and a Golden Oriole."

AN INCIDENT BETWEEN A KOEL *EUDYNAMYS SCOLOPACEA* AND A GOLDEN  
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Aasheesh Pittie, 14-7-370 Begum Bazaar, Hyderabad - 500 012, &

Rajeev Mathew, 6-3-912/1 Kapadia Lane, Somajiguda, Hyderabad -  
500 482.

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On the overcast morning of 19.6.1994 we were birding in the Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad. While observing various waterbirds in the small bird sanctuary area called Singosh Bund, within the zoo, the following incident occurred at approx. 12.15 pm.

A sudden screaming made us look up into the huge rain tree under which we stood. A female Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea* was seen perched upon a nest of the Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*, which was on the extreme periphery of the tree's canopy, facing the water. The koel was screaming and pecking at something inside the nest ! The victim was a female golden oriole, incubating her eggs ! After a few seconds of this unusual struggle, the koel was warded off by the oriole, and it flew away, still calling. The oriole continued its incubation for another 30 odd minutes, when we left.

Though it parasitizes nests of the House Crow *Corvus splendens* and Jungle Crow *C. macrorhynchos*, there are stray records of koels laying in nests of the golden oriole (D'Abreu, 1927) and the Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* (Inglis, C.M., *JBNHS*. 18: 682). Was this koel attempting brood-parasitism or was it trying to steal the eggs of the oriole, for a quick meal? It is known to 'filch' eggs of small birds like orioles and bulbuls. If the

former, then this becomes a case of extreme desperation, unlike the usual 'stratagem, cunning and opportunism' employed by brood-parasitic koels. This is the breeding season for this bird and its population within the zoo is quite large. The fact remains that though the population of its usual victim, the house crow, is very large inside the zoo, most of these birds come here to feed on the debris of daily visitors. Very few crow nests are present within the boundary of the c. 300 acre zoo. So koels may have to necessarily go out of the zoo campus to brood-parasitise.

If the koel was after food, would it have the gall to actually pounce upon a brooding oriole in an attempt to drive it off its nest and steal the eggs? Have our readers observed something like this?

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July 31, 1994

Mr. Zafar Futehally  
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Dear Mr. Futehally,

Enclosed is a note on the sighting of the Hobby in Hyderabad and some observations of a Little Grebe nest. I hope it will be useful for the Newsletter.

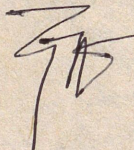
The Index issue of the Newsletter has just arrived and I am thrilled at the result. Personally I would have preferred a regular issue with the index printed separately, like the BNHS does for its journal. But I suppose there were unavoidable reasons for bringing it out like this.

The Birdwatcher's Society of A.P. has begun functioning in right earnest again, and I hope you would have received our newsletter, Mayura, by the time this reaches you. Please send me your views on this publication. While indexing the old issues of NLBW I came across many articles which I thought are still appropriate today. I ask permission to print them in the 'Gleanings' section of Mayura, our newsletter.

As I could not meet you at Rishi Valley, kindly advice me on the future of OSI vis-a-vis my letter of 11.6.94.

Wishing you the best,

Yours sincerely,



Encl: Mss of 'Occurrence of the Hobby Falco subbuteo and observations on Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh'.

cc: Mr. Rajeev Mathew, 6-3-912/1 Kapadia Lane, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500 482.

OCCURRENCE OF THE HOBBY *FALCO SUBBUTEO* AND OBSERVATIONS ON LITTLE GREBE *TACHYBAPTUS RUFICOLLIS* IN HYDERABAD, ANDHRA PRADESH

Aasheesh Pittie, 14-7-370 Begum Bazaar, Hyderabad - 500 012, &

Rajeev Mathew, 6-3-912/1 Kapadia Lane, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500 482.

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On 24-7-1994, we were watching birds in the Singosh Bird Sanctuary area of the Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad. This is a small body of water, mainly created by inflows from the larger Mir Alam Tank close by and, natural rainfall. Needless to say, a good variety of waterbirds inhabit it. Our attention was mainly riveted to 4 nests of Little Grebes *Tachybaptus ruficollis*, with a bird on each of them. The water level was rising, as a result of the rain, and at least one of the four pairs was busy adding more material to its partially floating nest. At this particular nest, the closest to us, one bird was sitting on the nest and had two precocious little chicks, perhaps 2 days old, moving about on the nest and every now and then climbing onto the adult's back and disappearing into its' scapulars. The young had black down with thin white stripes and a yellow and cherry beak.

While glassing the sky above the water, one of us (AP) saw a dark medium sized falcon alight in the top most branches of a tall eucalyptus tree, visible on the far side of the Singosh Tank. As the bird was quite distant, it looked like a Shahin Falcon *Falco peregrinus* through an 8 x 40 pair of binocs. Then we (RM) looked at it through the scope and realised it was a Hobby (now Eurasian Hobby) *Falco subbuteo* in classic plumage ! The bird sat there for a few minutes and then took off. Moments later we saw it

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swiftly flap its way over the far trees and disappear from our view.

The Eurasian hobby is mainly a winter migrant (September - March/April) to the Indian mainland, coming down south to Mysore (Ali & Ripley, 1987). In recent times, the bird has been observed at Pondicherry (an immature bird by Santharam, 1990) on 10-11-1988 and near Bangalore (Jayant, et al, 1992) on 17-6-1989. The latter record is of relevance here, as it also occurred, like our observation, out of the migration period mentioned in Ali & Ripley. We too think this bird is a straggler, like the Bangalore bird.

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My dear Aasheesh,

Thank you for your letter  
of 31st July 1994.

You can certainly use any  
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deal with the note on the Hobby  
in due course.

Yours sincerely,

*B. Hoanis*  
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