

The ^{the long 8x40 binoculars} banks ~~front~~ ^{of} signs of craville or their foot
prints. Occasionally in the vegetation among the
banks - long-tailed langours peeped at an hour and
then jumped up in to higher places. One can
see them only when they are on the banks
waters edge quite distinctly visible on the light-
colored background. But, once they climb up
and remain motionless on the dry vegetation
and the rock outcrops it was difficult to
see them, unless, of course they made some
movements. My purpose being searching of craville-
anything that remotely looked like a craville, ~~but~~
a rock projection on the waters edge or a dry tree
stump. scalled for my attention - only to ~~be disappointed~~

to find them to be ~~be~~ was considerably compensated by
this disappointment - the stupendous gorge - giving
the abundance of the steep majestic gorge - giving
shelter to hundreds of rock hyenas in its crevices.
The bottom & red rocks changed their color into a
brilliant - gold with the setting sun. ~~The~~ Many flocks
of birds (which ~~there~~ were just birds to me - ~~at~~
since I had hardly seen a subultra hawk nor had bird

just below the Myanmar ~~land~~ bridge across which ~~was~~
along with the fishermen. In another boat - we had no
provisions for two days and one night. We started our journey
from SAM and slowly moved downstream. ~~By the time we~~
At sunrise time we were amidst the bill reapers with
no visible sign of humanity. This time there was no sound of
engine to drown the sweet calls of birds - nor to scare
away the egrets. We tried to say we as shyamadas being
nervous were clinging to the boat - like leeches - with
hardly any signs of life in the boatmen to look at. In
birds. The boatmen had already sensed our fear and to
aid to our fears were occasionally spinning the boat ^{round} ² the
road. Soon they burst into songs and merrily round the
boats and slowly we also ~~could~~ ~~make~~ ~~an~~ ~~order~~
comfortable. ~~the~~ ~~only~~ occasionally we would come across
some fishermen and would ask them about ~~crowd~~
sightings. The first ~~first~~ ~~point~~ we came across was ~~road~~ ~~at~~
my immediately on breakfast stop. It was that of a
jungle.

watchers club was there to help me). Jotted the sky with
their flying formations. ~~Soon it was dark and silent.~~
The ~~Amur~~ Siberian confluence was on view and we
turned in to the ~~Amur~~ river and got down in to the soft
mud where some fishermen had seen musk crabs.
And, there were the festive frogs - the remarkable
foot prints of the sauriant - a great consolation for me
as it was to give me many more clues to ~~vill~~ this, and
I was fascinated by the small ^{rod} buffalo hide boots, which
the fishermen ~~said~~ so easily. The movement - slow compared to
their ^{own} efforts, but - all the same much more thinking. I
had made up my mind to have an experience of this area in
one of them. ~~Soon it was dark and the only sounds were~~
that of the engine and lapping of the water on the rocks.
An occasional hooting of the layover broke the silence.
The silver water ~~generally~~ and the dark stage star lit the sky
engulfed the boat - and we return back to the NTIR
dam area 10 PM.

In May 1977 myself & Shri Shyamundar the Range Man
of our consular project - ~~got~~ ^{got} it to a buffalo hide boat -

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by first ~~the~~ experience of the area was in the
winter of 1976. Starting from Nagajuragar in a ^{huge} motorlaunch
we went upstream in the reservoir. The purpose of our trip
was to check ~~the~~ available *Bryozoa* crosslake habitats.
We moved up slowly in the motorboat in the narrow
expanse of water. Big waves lapped on to the sides of the
motorlaunch. ~~Round~~ *Conus* made ~~round~~ fishing boats — ~~as~~
~~frame~~ ^{round} bamboo frame covered by *Buffa* sticks over

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