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13 May 1996

Dear Aasheesh Pittie,

I got your address from Edward Dickinson. According to him, you have studied Sykes's Crested Lark *Galerida deva*. I am currently, together with Krister Mild and Bill Zetterström, writing an identification handbook to Holarctic larks, pipits and wagtails (to be published by Christopher Helm/A & C Black Publishers, U.K. in the same series as e.g. Seabirds [Harrison], Shorebirds [Hayman et al.], Finches and Sparrows [Clement et al.]). However, we have no field experience with Sykes's Crested Lark (despite several searches for it, e.g. on the outskirts of Hyderabad and at Pakhal sanctuary). Accordingly, our information is only based on museum specimens and the literature. We would be most grateful if you could help us with some additional information (any help will, of course, be acknowledged in the book), and we hope that you will be willing to read and comment on the draft text which we have written. We have not been able to obtain any photographs (there will be a photographic section in the book in addition to the plates with paintings), nor any tape recordings (we also plan to publish CDs/cassettes with recordings of all of the species). Is there any chance that you or anybody else that you know of have photos or tape recordings of Syke's Crested Lark?

By the way, have you studied the vocalizations of Rufous-winged Bushlark *Mirafrassa affinis*, which occurs commonly in the Hyderabad area? We also need photographs of this.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help us with any of the above matters.

With best wishes
Yours sincerely

Per Alström

9 June, 1996

Mr Per Alström
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Sweden

Dear Per Alström,

Thank you for yours of 13.5.96. I was out of town and have returned 2 days ago, hence the delay in replying.

Sykes's Crested Lark are found close to Hyderabad and also at Rollapadu Bustard Sanctuary in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh - and I have had the good fortune of observing them at both these places. However these observations have not been from the point of view of being referred for a book and so may be quite sketchy. I will certainly help with whatever material I have and will be privileged to read and comment upon the draft, which you send me, on this species. Photos and audio recordings may take some time and I will not commit myself now, though I will work towards them as soon as possible.

The same applies for *Mirafra assamica affinis*.

I will write again in a week or two with some data and more concrete information.

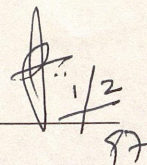
Thanking you for two things! Deciding to author a fieldguide to one of the most difficult groups of birds in the world, thus taking upon yourself the task of making their identification easier for us birders, and also for writing me for data, etc.

With best wishes for the project,

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'A' followed by a period.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, possibly 'Per Alström', with the date '1/2 97' written next to it.

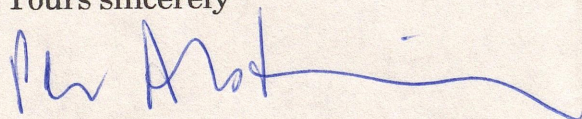
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23 January 1997

Dear Aasheesh Pittie,

I was delighted to get your letter of 9 June. You wrote that you would write again "in a week or two with some data and more concrete information", but I haven't heard from you. My book on larks, pipits and wagtails will probably be finished some time in the spring. We are still in great need of tape recordings and photos of Sykes's Crested Lark and photos of *Mirafra assamica affinis* (which we treat as *Mirafra affinis*, i.e. as a separate species from *Mirafra assamica*). Photos are needed for publication in the book, and tape recordings will be used for research and may be published on a CD later on. If you're still interested, I will send you the texts on these two species in a while for your comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely 'Per Alström', written in a cursive style.

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Attention: Mr Aasheesh Pittie

13 November 1997

Dear Aasheesh Pittie,

Did you receive my letter of 23 January 1997? I haven't heard from you since 9 June 1996, when you promised to write "in a week or two". I know that letters often get lost in the mail, so maybe that's what's happened to our correspondence.

I'm planning to visit Hyderabad next year to study Sykes's Crested Lark *Galerida deva*. I would be most grateful if you could send me some information on where to find them near Hyderabad (as detailed information as possible, so that I have no problems finding the place on my own). When do they sing (breed)? Have you managed to get any photos of this species or of bush-larks?

With best wishes

Per Alström

PS. Note my new address. If you have e-mail, that's the best way to contact me. I couldn't get through on your fax. Has the number been changed?

caivrolink.com
emapazine.com

Date: Wed, 25 Mar 1998 05:20:57 -0800
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hdi.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Re: Sykes's Crested Lark

Per Alstrom wrote:

>
> Dear Aasheesh,
> I still haven't received any information on where to find Galerida deva -
> as you promised to send soon in your e-mail of 2 December. I hope it hasn't
> got lost in the mail. I would prefer a place as close to Hyderabad as
> possible, since I'll have very limited time. I also need to look at *Mirafra*
> *assamica affinis*, so it would be good if this can be found close to or at
> the same locality as *Galerida deva*.
>
> I'm looking forward to hearing from you.
>
> With best wishes
>
> Per Alström

Dear Per,

The best and easiest way to see both these birds is to come to Hyderabad. We should get them within a radius of 50 km from the city. I would be delighted to take you to these areas.

If you are planning to come, please let me know your itinerary. Our birdwatchers' society would be honoured to arrange a talk by you. If there is anything more, do write.

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Best wishes and regards,
Aasheesh Pittie
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Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 10:41:50 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se
Subject: [Fwd: Re: Sykes's Crested Lark]

Per Alstrom wrote:

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> Dear Asheesh,

- Thanks for your reply. I will probably visit Hyderabad in mid-May, though
- my dates haven't been fixed yet. How easy are Galerida deva and Mirafra
- assamica affinis to find near Hyderabad? Krys Kazmierczak once told me
- about a place called Shamirpet (Shamcerpet), which you took him to, and
- where Galerida deva was rather easily found. Is that still the best place?
- Is Mirafra assamica affinis also easily found at Shamirpet, or are there
- any better places for it? Is there still a resort (and food) at Shamirpet?
- How can I get there if you wouldn't have the time to join me?

>

• With best wishes

>

• Per Alstrom

Dear Per,

Shamirpet is perhaps still the best place for Galerida deva, though it is run over with stone-cutters who break up boulders and sell them as granite to the construction industry. I'm sure you'll find the other lark there too. There are cottages to stay in at Shamirpet and a place to eat. You can get to Shamirpet quite easily from Hyderabad. Local taxi drivers should know the place. I'm sure I could take you over as it is just an hour's drive from the city. I may be out of Hyderabad in the 3rd or 4th week of May. However, some other birdwatcher will surely oblige.

There are enough other places around Hyderabad, which if given time and effort, will yield populations of both the larks.

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 21:13:38 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Sykes's Crested Lark]

Per Alstrom wrote:

>
> Dear Aasheesh,
> Many thanks for your reply. Could you please give me the name of another
> place that is easily found and relatively close to Hyderabad where both
> *Galerida deva* and *Mirafra assamica affinis* occur. I wish to tape record
> both of them, and if Shamirpet is full of stone cutters, it is likely to be
> a very noisy place, and thus not ideal for tape recording.
>
> With best wishes
>
> Per Alstrom

Per,

There is a large tank, Pocharam Lake, about 3 hours drive from here, where I have seen them quite easily - and it is far enough from the hustle and bustle of civilized life. I haven't actually gone in search of areas where they can be found, but I will keep a look out and ask friends for names of other locations. I'll keep in touch.

Another place where it is reported is ICRISAT Campus, a 3,000 acre campus 30 km from Hyderabad. Though how common it is there is questionable as I have not seen it often, if at all - and I have birded there at least 4-6 times last year.

May is also the breeding season for these birds and so they may become more prominent because they will sing, etc.

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 06:59:59 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Sykes's Crested Lark]

Per Alstrom wrote:

>
> Dear Aasheesh,
> Many thanks for your quick reply. Do you know if there is any
> accomodation at or near Pocharam Lake and approximately how much it would
> cost to rent a taxi for two days to go there and back to Hyderabad?
>
> Best wishes
>
> Per Alström

Dear Per,

There is a Forest Rest House on the shore of the Lake, but I will have to enquire from the Forest Dept., whether they allow the general public to stay there overnight. We also have this problem of extremists, called naxalites, who haunt the place occasionally. I will clarify these points and get back within a day.

A taxi for 2 days should not cost you more than Rs. 600-700.

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 11:50:46 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in>
To: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se
Subject: Hi!

Dear Per,

It may not be very safe to stay overnight at Pocharam, but there is a large town approximately 15 km away, called Medak. Medak will definitely have boarding and lodging, etc. I suggest you stay there and commute to Pocharam daily. You could keep a car with you in Medak to help you do this.

If there is anything else, please do write!

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Best wishes and regards,
Aasheesh Pittie
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Date: Sat, 9 May 1998 12:36:06 +0100
To: aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in
From: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se (Per Alstrom)
Subject: Re: Your trip

Dear Aasheesh,

Many thanks for your e-mail and for booking a car for me. Yes, I'm very familiar with Ambassador cars, and that will be fine. Would you recommend an air-conditioned car? If not necessary, I prefer a non A/C to save money. In a previous e-mail you said the cost for the car would come to approximately 600-700 Rs. Is that correct (for a non A/C)? I don't know the distance, so I can't estimate the cost.

// Could you please do me one more favour. I'm booked (already have a ticket) on a flight from Hyderabad to Delhi by Jet Airways (9W826) on 18 May at 19.30 (7.30PM). However, a friend in Delhi told me there are no Jet Airways flights between Hyderabad and Delhi! Could you please check this, and if there is a Jet Airways flight please check if I'm booked on it. I once bought a ticket in Sweden from Coimbatore to Bombay which I reconfirmed in Delhi. At the airport in Coimbatore I was told that there were no flights at all between Coimbatore and Bombay!! So I'm a bit cautious.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

With best wishes

Per Alstrom

No flight!

Date: Sun, 10 May 1998 08:46:05 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Your Trip

Dear Per,

The distance from here to Medak is about 120 km and from Medak to Pocharam, another 15km. All told, you would cover approximately 300km up and down. If you are not planning to go back to Pocharam on 18-5-98, I strongly suggest that you return to Hyderabad on 17th evening.

I could check you into a hotel for the night, and the next day you could go to Shamirpet. Please let me know.

I'll check on the Jet Airways flight to Delhi and let you know by evening.

Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Mon, 11 May 1998 11:49:48 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Your Trip

Dear Per,

You are right. Jet Airways do not have a flight to Delhi! It is still in the planning stage and they are not proposing to start one till June.

Your best bet is an Indian Airlines flight which leaves here at 20:00 hours (IC839).

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Mon, 11 May 1998 11:51:11 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Your trip

Dear Per,

Indian Airlines also have a morning flight at 08:15 (IC939).

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Mon, 11 May 1998 11:51:29 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Your trip

Dear Per,

Indian Airlines also have a morning flight from Hyd-Del at 08:15 (IC939).

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Mon, 11 May 1998 12:05:30 +0100
To: aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in
From: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se (Per Alstrom)
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Your Trip]

Dear Aasheesh,

Many thanks for all your help. It's amazing that I've been sold a ticket by Jet Airways even though they don't fly!

Thanks for your offer to book a room for me in Hyderabad on 17-5. However, I don't yet know whether I prefer to spend the morning of 18-5 at Pocharam or at Shamirpet. Or do you think it may be unsafe to birdwatch at Pocharam and/or stay overnight in Medak? Are the Naxalites hostile to foreigners; are they likely to be active during the day in the Pocharam area or only at night; will Medak be safe? An alternative (which would actually be preferable because it would give me more time in the field) would be to go to Shamirpet first, and then if I find it extremely noisy go to Pocharam early in the morning of the following day (do you have any idea of how early the stone-cutters will start working, or do you think it may be possible to find the larks a little bit away from them so that their activities don't disturb my tape recordings too much?). The only disadvantage with that is that I may risk missing my flight to Delhi if the vehicle breaks down on the way back to Hyderabad (though there may be plenty of traffic on that road, so I could probably get a ride in case that would happen). What do you suggest?

With best wishes

Per

Date: Mon, 11 May 1998 21:27:54 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Your Trip

Dear Per,

It is not advisable to stay overnight at Pocharam. You should not. Medak is quite safe to stay in overnight. I would not go to Pocharam before daybreak either.

Shamirpet is a good bet, but the stone cutters are a pretty busy lot and quite wide spread in their operations. You could still try your luck (and perhaps get some percussion background music on the tape! ;)). I don't think they commence work before 8 a.m. at the latest.

If you like, since 17/5 is a Sunday, I could take you to Shamirpet (we will take your car too so that if you want to stay on, you could) and show you around.

If you plan to go to Pocharam on 18/5, you could start from Hyderabad at 4 a.m. and reach Pocharam by 7 a.m. (at the latest). You have to be at the airport at least an hour and a half before the departure time of the flight to Delhi. To be on the safe side, give the return journey 4 hours. Which means you will have to start from Pocharam by 2 p.m. at the very latest.

If I were you, I would still prefer to go to Pocharam on 17, get back to Hyderabad for the night and bird around Shamirpet on 18. However, if you could stretch your itinerary for a day and stay back in Hyderabad, you could spend a night at Medak and 2 days at Pocharam.

Do you want me to book you on a flight to Delhi? Do let me know without hesitation.

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Wed, 13 May 1998 20:57:39 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Re: Your Trip

Per Alstrom wrote:

>
> Dear Aasheesh,
> I've decided that I wish to go to Shamirpet on the 17th (straight from> the airport), and I would be
delighted if you wish to accompany me. The> following day I'll either stay at Shamirpet or leave at 4 AM
for Pocharam.> I hope the stone-cutters will take it easy while I'm there. By the way, at> what time is
dawn?
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> Since I'm still not sure of where I'll spend the night, it's probably> better not to book any room at this
stage (Krys KAZmierczak told me there> is a resort at Shamirpet; I may be able to get a room there if I
decide to> bird at Shamirpet on the 18th; do you know approximately how much it is for> a single room?).
>
> Thanks for your offer to book a plane ticket for me, but I already have one > (I managed to get an Indian
Airlines ticket instead of the useless Jet > Airways ticket I already had!
>
> I'm looking forward to seeing you.
>
> With best wishes
>
> Per

Dear Per,

As it stands above, your decision seems to be a good one. Dawn is approx. at 5.30 a.m. I do not
know the rates at the Shamirpet resort. I will meet you at the airport and will have binocs around my neck
for identification!

Have a pleasant flight!

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Best wishes and regards,
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Date: Thu, 14 May 1998 23:04:17 +0100
To: aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in
From: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se (Per Alstrom)
Subject: Re: Your Trip

Dear Aasheesh,
I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Per

Date: Sat, 25 Jul 1998 09:16:12 +0100
To: aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in
From: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se (Per Alstrom)
Subject: Thanks!

Dear Aasheesh,

It was very nice to meet you, and I'm most grateful for all your assistance, which helped making my visit such a success. It was also very nice to visit the birdwatching society meeting, and to see that there are so many active birdwatchers in Hyderabad. I was also very impressed by the art exhibition, especially the paintings by Jachin Jaltare. Many thanks for buying one of the paintings for me. I'll send you a copy of the book on larks, pipits and wagtails when it's been published (may take another year...). Have you found out how much I owe you for the car hire?

I'll soon send you some cuts from my texts on larks for your paper. Please remind me if I forget it.

All the very best

Per

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Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 07:34:09 -0700
From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se>
Subject: Hi!

Dear Per,

Thanks for yours of 25th instant. It was wonderful meeting you and I am glad your trip was a success! I received a copy of the warblers book we spoke of, when you were here. Haven't used it in depth, but the pics seem quite contrasty. I am awaiting the release of your book. I paid the taxi Rs. 1891 for rental charges. Instead of settling in cash, could I ask for another book? Do let me know! Your notes will be very useful for identification of larks.

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Best wishes and regards,

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Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 09:02:47 +0100
To: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
From: per.alstrom@liszt.zool.gu.se (Per Alstrom)
Subject: Re: Hi!

Dear Aasheesh,

Thanks for your reply. Yes, of course, I can send you a book rather than money. How much is Rs. 1891 in US dollars (or Swedish crowns)? Is there anything in particular that you need?

All the best

Per

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Hi!

Subject: Hi!

Date: Tue, 01 Dec 1998 21:02:07 +0530

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

To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@zool.gu.se>

Hi Per!

I received a packet the other day with a wonderful gift. The book on scientific names and a cassette of bird song! They made my day. Thanks a million!

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Best wishes and regards!

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>From per.alstrom@evolution.uu.se Thu Aug 19 12:58:22 1999
Message-Id: <103130302b3e14fc4352f@[130.238.82.33]>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 1999 09:19:45 +0200
To: aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in,
Subject: new address

Dear all,

Please note my new work (since 1 February), home (since 1 August) and e-mail (since 1 August) addresses. The old e-mail address is still working, but please use the new one instead. My apologies for this brief note (especially to those of you to whom I should have written long ago...).

All the best

Per

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Date: Fri, 1 Oct 1999 17:03:35 +0200

From: Per Alström <per.alstrom@evolution.uu.se>

To: aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in

Dear Aasheesh,

I hope all is well. We're practically finished with the book on larks, pipits and wagtails (according to some people, I've said that many times in the past several years...). I wonder if you could help me with one piece of information. Have you seen the male display of *Motacilla maderaspatensis* (Large Pied/White-browed Wagtail)? According to Kirkpatrick (1954), the pre-copulation display is performed with the wings stiffly outstretched (but not raised), while Ali & Ripley (1998) state that the wings are lifted "vertically back to back". Have you seen this behaviour? If you haven't, could you please ask your friends if they have.

With best wishes

Per

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Subject: Motacilla maderaspatensis

Date: Sat, 02 Oct 1999 09:22:15 +0530

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

To: Per Alstrom <per.alstrom@evolution.uu.se>

Dear Per,

A quick literature survey has brought up this citation and the following quote, which I think will be useful to you.

Chanda, Subhash (1998): Courtship display of Large Pied Wagtail Motacilla maderaspatensis in Kokrajhar, Assam. NEWSLETTER FOR BIRDWATCHERS 38(5): 88.

"On the morning of 25th May 95 at about 0630 hours,...After some time the male started performing a peculiar flight display. The female (dull coloured) was sitting, and the male was displaying, springing up into the air, gaining in height step by step upto the height of about 10 feet above the water and then descending vertically by wings paired together behind its back. With the tail held aloft and the legs dangling it came down to the water level, and then returned beside the female by typical undulating flight. During the display the male produced a pleasant high-pitched whistling note repeatedly for about 15 minutes. I observed the same display on 27.05.95."

Kirkpatrick does not specifically say that the wings were not raised over the head. When his male is on the ground, its wings are "extended stiffly away from the body." But when the male descends in the display flight, he does so "stiffly outspread wings...". This could be interpreted either way, I feel.

Meanwhile....awaiting information from friends.

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Best wishes and regards!

Aasheesh Pittie

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From: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
To: Per Alström <per.alstrom@ebc.uu.se>
Subject: Re:
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2000 7:46 PM

Dear Per,
Will do!

Am sending shortly a list of 287 references on Burma, with keywords. You might find them useful.

Best wishes and regards!

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From: Per Alström <per.alstrom@ebc.uu.se>
To: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2000 3:57 PM
Subject: Re:

> Dear Aasheesh,
> I hope all is well. In case you would ever find a dead White-browed (Large> Pied) Wagtail Motacilla maderaspatensis, I would be most grateful if you> could put tail and wing feathers in an envelope and mail me. I could then> use these for DNA analysis. I'm off to Burma shortly.
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> With very best wishes
> Per Alström
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