

Dear Ravi,

5 July 1991

It's on, at last! Doug Mc Clelland, the director of Field Biosearch, has just returned from America, where the associated company, Christensen Educational Travel, has asked us to run an India tour in May and June next year. The American holiday season begins on 25 May, and they want a two week tour running from that date. The Americans are very confident the tour will be popular, and if there is enough interest, we may be able to run a second tour straight afterwards, if Gir is still open then. The Americans plan to advertise the tour in September, based upon the information I have sent them (copy enclosed). A copy of this was faxed to America last Friday.

It is possible that the tour will be partly advertised as an educational tour for teachers, in which case we will have to supply a few lectures and a field project or two for those participants. This should be easy to slot in. You and I could both give a lecture or two, and we could hire Bharat Pathak or a BNHS biologist at Bharatpur for a lecture.

It is too early at this stage to make bookings so I don't think there is much for you to do. We should know by November if the tour is on, and that will allow plenty of time. I need to know if you are available to run a second tour straight after the first, and I also need to know if Gir and Ranthambhor will be open at that time. The main American travel season is June-July-August, and we really need to devise tours that can be run during those months. One thing you could perhaps check up on is the precise dates when Gir, Ranthambhor and Corbett are open and

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FROM THE EDITOR

“Is there any hope for Spix’s Macaw?” That question is asked repeatedly in conservation circles, but nobody seems prepared to give an answer, and this probably reflects the generally pessimistic outlook. In this issue of BIRDS INTERNATIONAL we are told of the expedition which located the apparently sole surviving wild bird, and dramatic photographs of that bird were obtained by Luis Marigo. What eventually may prove to be of critical importance in returning Spix’s Macaw *Cyanopsitta spixii* from captivity to the wild is the discovery by the expedition that the preferred habitat is seriously threatened. While some birds survive and breed in captivity there must be hope, but at this time the longterm prospects certainly are not encouraging.

What a pleasing contrast we have in the account of Naretha Bluebonnets *Psephotus haematogaster* at a sheep property in the remote interior of southwestern Australia. Here, there has been a marked increase in the numbers of these desert parrots, and the manager and his family are very protective of their favourite birds.

A special relationship with local birds is the theme carried through in the ‘Focus’ contribution about Common Loons *Gavia immer* on a Canadian lake, and in the article on Red-cockaded Woodpeckers *Picoides borealis* we are told of direct intervention to assist a threatened species overcome the adverse affects of hurricane damage to its habitat. The arrival of man on oceanic islands has never turned out to be beneficial to the birdlife, and changes that have occurred on Lord Howe Island during the past 200 years bear testimony to this.

Our relationships with birds are complex, and there will continue to be positive and negative aspects. The challenge facing us is to minimise the negative impact of our actions. Wild populations generally will respond positively to sound management practices, and that is the principle motivating ICBP and conservation authorities in Thailand in their efforts to save Gurney’s Pitta *Pitta gurneyi*. Contributors to this issue have given us a good insight into the various aspects of human-avian interactions, even taking us to the open oceans, where pelagic seabirds, notably albatrosses, have not escaped the effects of our activities.

Irish birdwatcher and film maker, Gerrit van Gelderen, likes to look at what often can be the more ridiculous aspects of popular ornithology. Seeing ourselves as others sometimes see us can be a sobering exercise, and the first of Gerrit’s humorous perceptions is reproduced in this issue. I am hoping that from time to time he will again give us opportunities to laugh at ourselves.

Finally, I would like to point out that with this first issue of our third year we commence co-publication with a specialist publisher in the United States. This exciting new venture will enable us to provide an improved service to subscribers in North America, and is a practical manifestation of the international scope of BIRDS INTERNATIONAL.

JOSEPH M. FORSHAW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

■ May the excellent standard set by the first issues of BIRDS INTERNATIONAL continue; it really is a most enjoyable and informative publication.

With reference to the request from Emmanuel Fardoulis for information on Latham’s Spotted Pigeon *Caloenas maculata* (Letters, vol. 2, no 2), I can find no mention of this species by either James Greenway in his book on extinct and vanishing birds of the world, nor in the more recent book on the same subject by Errol Fuller. However, R. Wagstaffe, formerly Keeper of Vertebrate Zoology at the City of Liverpool Museums (now Merseyside County Museums) details the holotype in his publication *Type Specimens of Birds in the Merseyside County Museums*, Merseyside County Museums 1978. The author emphasises the importance of this unique specimen, which originally was described by Gmelin as *Columba maculata*, though the locality of collection is uncertain.

Although James Peters regarded the specimen to be of uncertain status, and quoted the opinion of Rothschild and Hartert that it may be an aberrant specimen of *Caloenas nicobarica*, Wagstaffe has no doubts as to its importance and comments ‘... there is no doubt that it represents a perfectly recognisable form, presumably now extinct.’

ROGER WILKINSON
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■ In BIRDS INTERNATIONAL Vol. 2, No. 3, you commented on your recent trip to Singapore, and in the same issue in the article *Surprising Singapore* (pp. 22-31) mention is made of the value of areas of long grass being retained in local parks.

I have been invited by the Hervey Bay City Council to prepare a submis-

sion concerning conservation issues in my local district. My submission will assist the city council in formulating a strategic plan to control development during the next 20 years. Though my focus will be on preserving remnant forests and habitat for wading birds, I would like to include information on the value of retaining areas of long grass.

Could you please send me brief comments on the value of these areas of long grass, as observed by yourself or by the Malay Nature Society, or from any articles describing research experiments. Your comments will support the evidence presented in my submission to council. I have written to the Singapore Botanic Gardens, but their reply may not arrive in time to be included in my submission.

ERICA NEATE
Dundowan, Australia

Relevant information was forwarded to Ms Neate. — Ed.

■ We have exciting news! A special program is being set up at the Avicultural Breeding and Research Center (ABRC) to facilitate re-establishment of Thick-billed parrots *Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha* in the wilds of Arizona (see BIRDS INTERNATIONAL, vol. 1, no. 2, pp. 44-52). For several years conservationists and zoo groups have been working to accomplish this, but with limited success. For the most part, aviculturists have not participated, being content to hold their captive birds in quiet seclusion. Now, the time has come for aviculturists to do their part in helping to return these native parrots to the skies of Arizona.

The re-establishment program suffers from a lack of releasable birds. Many of the initially confiscated birds could not be released due to their poor physical condition, and these birds were utilised for captive breed-

ing. Although caged with wild birds prior to release, hand-reared birds failed to learn flocking, feeding and predator avoidance techniques essential for survival, so were deemed unsuitable for release. A parent-raised chick showed better chances of adaptability, although it was taken by a raptor. Despite some initial successes, many more birds are needed to establish strong flocks in the wild.

In December 1990, ABRC finalised a co-operative agreement with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to produce captive-bred Thick-billed Parrots for release. ABRC has donated its collection of more than 30 parrots to the State of Arizona. Many of these birds were hatched at the Center, and some were donated by other aviculturists for this program. A majority of these parrots will remain at the Center as breeding stock.

A good number of Thick-billed Parrots are held by private aviculturists in the United States, but the legal status of these birds often is questionable. Fear of prosecution is seen as a significant factor in preventing aviculturists from participating in the release program. Under this new agreement, there is a period of one year during which aviculturists may donate birds to the ABRC program by ‘abandoning’ them to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Provided that the donor was not involved personally in any unlawful importation of their birds, legal action will not be taken and the parrots can be sent directly to ABRC. We are hopeful that this new program will address a major problem, namely the shortage of birds suitable for release, and so will advance our efforts to establish viable wild flocks of these splendid parrots

SUSAN CLUBB
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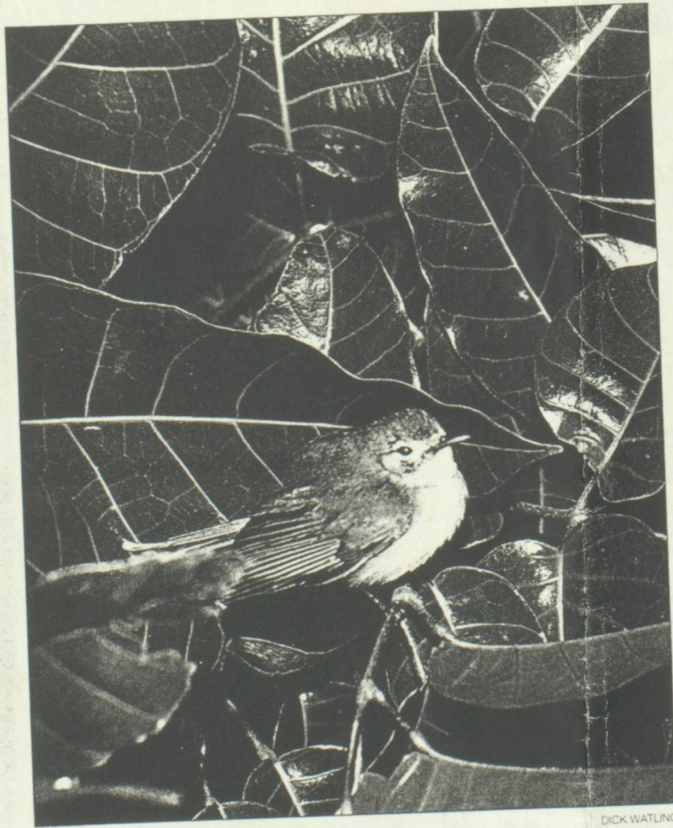
I will write to you again when any further information becomes available, but I must say at this stage that it all looks very positive.

The magazine you should write for is Birds International. It is based in Australia but seems to be achieving some success as an international magazine. I feel sure they would take an article on floricans, the Indian bustard (or both together), and perhaps on the birdlife of Ranthambhor or wherever. I suggest you write to them suggesting topics, then if they are agreeable send just the manuscript first, and the slides on acceptance. I've enclosed photocopies (reduced in size from A4) of some pages from the magazine. The standard of photography is good. Congratulations on your imminent Ph.D! Until we meet again next year...

Best wishes


Tim

FIJI'S FORGOTTEN FLYCATCHER



DICK WATLING

After sixty years another
search is made

By Dick Watling

Above: Since its discovery in 1924, the Ogea Flycatcher *Mayrornis versicolor* has received little attention.

NESTLING in the brilliant blue waters of Fiji's isolated Lau Group, the little-disturbed island cluster of Ogea rests peacefully. It is too far from main shipping or airline routes to be reached by travellers, so mercifully is overlooked in the burgeoning clone of tourist brochures. Yet for the bird enthusiast, Ogea is important because it shares with only two other Fijian islands —

Kadavu and the main island of Vitilevu, the distinction of being home to an endemic bird; the distinctive Ogea Flycatcher *Mayrornis versicolor* is confined to the remote island cluster.

The Ogea Flycatcher is sometimes referred to as the Versicolor or Mayr's Flycatcher, the latter name honouring Professor Ernst Mayr, the renowned zoologist who worked for many years on birds of the southwest Pacific and published the formal scientific description of this interesting species. Mayr's dedicated contribution is already, and more fittingly acknowledged in the generic name *Mayrornis*, and there would be much disappointment for the Ogea community if their sole endemic bird was not named after the island. Consequently, I have no doubt that Ogea Flycatcher is the appropriate English name.

Significance of find overlooked

In the ornithological world, few birds have received as little attention as has been given to the Ogea Flycatcher. The first specimens were obtained in 1924 by the Whitney South Seas Expedition, which was an expedition of ornithological exploration and

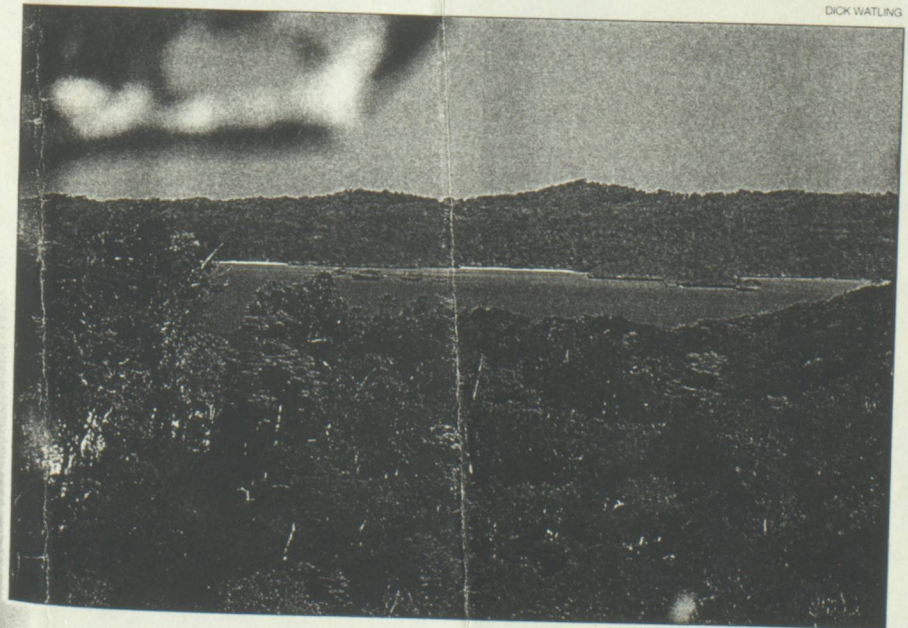
Limestone islands in the Ogea Cluster are still heavily forested.

collection that operated continually for 19 years. However, the momentous event of discovering a species new to science passed unheralded, for the Expedition's principal collector, veteran Rollo Beck, was unaware of the significance of his find and in his journal made only a passing reference to "a brown fantail". Almost a decade elapsed before Ernst Mayr published the formal description of the new species in the *American Museum Novitates* of 1933.

That remained our total knowledge of the Ogea Flycatcher for more than 60 years, and no ornithologist visited the island until I spent a month there in 1986. Of course, the Ogea community was uninformed of its special charge, and residents were most surprised to learn of their unique bird. Their pride and enthusiasm was immediate, tinged only with regret that it was not larger and more conspicuous! I was disappointed that they could tell me nothing about it, not even a local name.

My visit to Ogea was the result of mounting concern at the lack of contemporary knowledge of the flycatcher's status. In 1985, Cyclone Eric passed directly over the island, and was just one of a series in recent years to affect Ogea; there had been other major cyclones in the southern Lau Group in 1973, 1975 and 1979. Any species confined to a small island is especially vulnerable to chance catastrophic events.

DICK WATLING



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15 December 1991

Dear Pavi,

As you can see from these pages, the trip is on (unless too few bookings are received). These pages are the planned design for the leaflet which will be sent out to customers in America in early January. By mid-March we will know if enough bookings have been received. Since we only want 14 people, + since there are 220 million Americans, I think the tour will be on. I need to know now if you are available as planned. Please reply as soon as you receive this letter. My financial situation is better than I expected. I have been working for Brisbane City looking at remnant forest around the city (including rainforest) + they pay well. I can afford to send you some money to travel around India making the bookings. Please write + tell me when you will need to travel around (this should be after mid-March) + how much money you will need (not too much I hope). If all goes well I will be in India in mid-May and we will be rich by early June. See you then!

Regards

Tim

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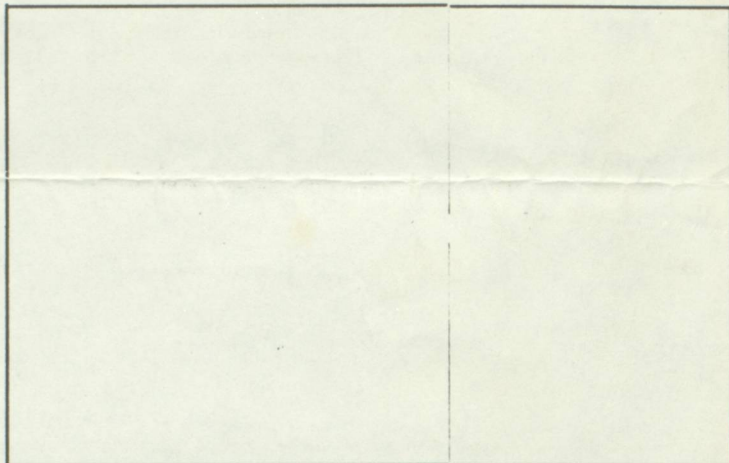
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Bombay

Dear Tim,

Good show. Just got back to Bombay from the Thar desert where I was these last 6 months. The timing is a killer in terms of the heat wave that will be sweeping through the plains, but we will get into the parks before they close. It also fits reasonably well with my work schedule and unless something unforeseen crops up I am on. In that event I will get someone else similarly acquainted with the area to do it with you.

The airfare Bombay-Ahmdabad (dept. time 1910 hrs) & Ahmdabad-Delhi (0835 hrs as of dec. 91) have to be paid in \$'s. I checked with a travel agency and they will make tentative reservations which you should pay for as soon as you come. Not later than 14 May. Bom.-Amd = 47 US\$ & Amd.-Del. = 79 US\$.

The 19 seater air-conditioned bus costs Rs 20/km, minimum daily travel 250 km, Rs 200 as allowance for the driver & cleaner, and inter-state tax as applicable (e.g. Rs 1600 one time if the bus goes from Bombay to Ahmdabad). These are Bombay rates.

I would need to do the trip for bookings etc. say starting March 18. I am unsure how much money I will need, about 3000 US\$, in a Demand Draft payable to Grindlays, Hongkong or Citibank Bombay (a cheque will take 3-4 months to clear) should suffice to pay half the room fares for all hotels that we will be staying at plus pay an advance on the bus and at the resorts at Zainabad and Ranthambore and the train reservations Sawai Madhopur to Delhi and the expenses of my travel. Any shortfall I will cover myself. I will also need to know how many rooms are required for the group, how many are singles and how many doubles. Obviously the two of us share a room.

At Delhi we just get 5-6 taxis and drive down to Bharatpur from the airport about 6 hrs. From Ranthambhor we can catch the train back to Delhi approx. 1500 hrs about 8 hrs. Again reservations have to be made well in advance approx. Rs 500 per tkt.

I can at best put in one week in the pre-tour reservation trip, in the last 10 days of march. After that office work pressures will build up and will find it tougher. So let the money and other details come in by mid-march. And you ought to come here by 12-15 May to pay in \$ airfares etc.

I expect a minimum of US \$1750 for this tour; expenses during the reservation travel and during the tour taken care of, and a flight ticket from Delhi to Bombay. My job is to make

BUDGET OF THE GRASSLAND PROJECT

JULY 1990 - OCTOBER 1991

Grant recieved for the first year 1331867.0

Headings	Budgeted	Spent	Deficit/ <u>excess</u>
Salries and wages			
a. Professional staff	279404.0	188377.0	91027.0
b. Supporting staff	136541.0	60780.0	75761.0
c. Consultants' honorarium	13200.0	1948.0	11252.0
Material, supplies & services	55000.0	106659.0	-51659.0
Travel expenses	101000.0	78786.0	22214.0
Perdiem	42000.0	11398.0	30602.0
Equipment	230000.0	45374.0	184626.0
Vehicles	250000.0	247353.0	2647.0
Reports & Publications	10000.0	19309.0	-9309.0
Library books	40000.0	1756.0	38244.0
Seminars & Workshops		5164.0	-5164.0
Audit fees	1000.0	1000.0	0.0
	1158145.0	767904.0	
BNHS Administrative charges @15%	173722.0	115186.0	
Totals	1331867.0	883090.0	
Balance as on 30 Sept. 1991			448777.0

Surplus

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OCTOBER 1991 - SEPTEMBER 1992

Grant recieved for the second year 952583.0
Balance from the first year 448777.0

Headings	Budgeted	Spent	Predicted	Deficit/excess
Salries and wages				
a. Professional staff	288737.0	79641.0	410646.0	-121909.0
b. Supporting staff	140396.0	28985.0	115940.0	24456.0
c. Consultants' honorarium	13200.0	412.0	13200.0	0.0
Material, supplies & services	70000.0	29089.7	116358.6	-46358.6
Travel expenses	108000.0	27031.8	108127.2	-127.2
Perdiem	42000.0	6247.4	43731.8	-1731.8
Equipment	100000.0	4389.3	17557.0	82443.0
Reports & Publications	20000.0	1702.0	20000.0	0.0
Library books	20000.0	1770.0	7080.0	12920.0
Seminars & Workshops	25000.0	28144.5	30000.0	-5000.0
Audit fees	1000.0	500.0	1000.0	0.0
	828333.0	207912.6	883640.6	-55307.6
BNHS Administrative charges @15%	124250.0	31186.9	132546.1	-8296.1
Totals	952583.0	239099.5	1016186.7	-63603.7
CARRYOVER BALANCE				385173.3

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necessary reservations and logistic organisation prior to the trip and accompanying the tour and placing at everyone's disposal my meagre store of grey matter. Please confirm acceptance of this.

I am Dr Sankaran now and don't feel any bloody different! If it is not too late can you get the bit 'members of the Bombay Natural History Society' out of the brochure. It can have implications here that I would not like to get involved in.

Thats all for now. And hope to god that nothing screws up.

Regards

IV. Equipment

Rs 245000 /= has been budgeted towards the cost of purchase of equipment. This includes Rs 150000 /= for the purchase of a computer and printer. It is recommended that one of the computers already present with the Society be earmarked exclusively for the project. Other essential equipment already in the possession of the Society be transferred to the project. Thus only those equipments not available with the Society needs be purchased.

V. Recommendations

Currently, the balance of Rs 448777.00/= will keep the project in the black until the end of the third year, at which time a deficit of Rs 88041.90/= will accrue, this becoming Rs 758604.60 /= at the end of the fifth and final year.

Thus as it stands it is recommended that the project is currently run as planned. After submitting the first Annual report a request for a further grant of Rs 800000/= should be made to the funding authorities.

17 February 1992

Dear Ravi,

Thanks for your letter. Everything in it looks okay, except for the following:

I don't like the idea of using taxis and the train on the second half of the trip. I don't think the Americans would like it (being separated from us in different taxis), and if you look at the itinerary we need a bus at Bharatpur to get to Agra, etc. We will need to book a second bus from Delhi for days 9-14. The American company that is doing the bookings has agreed to cover the internal airfares of the guests (Bombay-Ahmadabad and Ahmadabad-Delhi) so we have plenty of money left over to hire a second bus. Speaking of money, I can certainly confirm payment to you of US \$1750. If we receive full bookings (14 guests) I will guarantee you a minimum payment of US \$2000, but if all goes well your cut will certainly be more than this.

The Australian company intended paying me 10 per cent of the booking by 5 April. I have told them we need more money than this, namely US \$3000, and that you need it by 18 March. They are hoping this can be done, but we are still negotiating the contract. Would you need all of the \$3000 by 18 March, or could some be sent later? It will be easier to squeeze a smaller amount from the company. Please note that we don't have to book the internal airfares (except for ourselves) and we don't have to pay for accommodation in Bombay or in Delhi. The tour begins in Bombay at 8 am and ends at noon in Delhi. The Australian company has done the bookings for the second tour (Art in Indian Culture) and they think you are asking for too much.

A demand draft seems a slow method of payment. I have spoken to Citibank and Hongkong (no Grindlays in Brisbane) and they say

LORD MAYOR

I would have to post the draft to you. A much quicker method of payment is a telegraphic transfer. Citibank says it will take 1 day, Hongkong 1-2 days. You don't need an account at the bank but only have to arrive with proof of identity and the money is yours. Please confirm with the banks that this is possible, and tell me which bank you prefer.

My biggest concern at this stage is the quality of food we can supply. You will note from the enclosed notes that we are promising American style breakfasts and lunches for those who want them. I think most guests will want them. Americans don't like spicy breakfasts. They will want cornflakes and cold milk, toast with jam and honey, eggs and toast, and sometimes pancakes. I think we need a third member of staff to make sandwiches for lunch, and to rush off to markets to buy bananas and bread and whatever else. This person could be a youth of about 16 years. He could sleep in our room or perhaps on the bus. Another possibility is that my girlfriend could come. She is an excellent cook and could work in the kitchens to make sure the local chefs don't throw in too many spices. She also has a very happy personality and could cheer up the guests when they get sick and things go wrong. If you object to her coming then I won't invite her. But she won't need to be paid much and your payment can still be the same. We could all share the same room (!) at some places if there was a hotel room shortage. Let me know what you think. I would also like to know if Zainabad has western food, or good Indian food. Dining out in Bhavnagar may be a problem and you should look around very carefully at the restaurants there. Sample a few dishes at different restaurants if need be. Keep a list of all your costs and these will be paid for.

I will write to you later about many other matters that need to be decided. We will need to buy extra foods like custard powder, dried fruits, canned baked beans, spaghetti, tomato paste, etc. and I will need to know how available these are in India. We will also need to get together a library of wildlife books. You should also prepare talks to deliver on Indian birdwatching, conservation, religion, politics, and so on. But there is plenty of time for that yet.

Can you please make a renewed effort to find a fax number in Bombay. This may become a problem later on. I have your telex number of 011/84828.

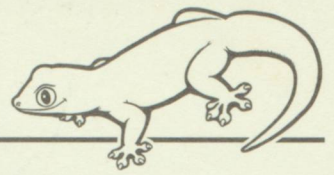
On the enclosed leaflet I have changed the text to say that "Ravi is an ornithologist who studied bustards and floricans for the BNHS", thus leaving out any mention of your present employment. It is important for the prestige of the tour that the BNHS be mentioned.

That's all for now.

Regards

Dear Ravi, here is a copy of my earlier letter in case you did not receive it. Time is running out! Please send me a fax on (07) 870 4942 Urgently with directions on how to send the money.

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A demand draft seems a slow method of payment. I have spoken to Citibank and Hongkong (no Grindlays in Brisbane) and they say I would have to post the draft to you. A much quicker method of payment is a telegraphic transfer. Citibank says it will take 1 day, Hongkong 1-2 days. You don't need an account at the bank but only have to arrive with proof of identity and the money is yours. Please confirm with the banks that this is possible, and tell me which bank you prefer.

My biggest concern at this stage is the quality of food we can supply. You will note from the enclosed notes that we are promising American style breakfasts and lunches for those who want them. I think most guests will want them. Americans don't like spicy breakfasts. They will want cornflakes and cold milk, toast with jam and honey, eggs and toast, and sometimes pancakes. I think we need a third member of staff to make sandwiches for lunch, and to rush off to markets to buy bananas and bread and whatever else. This person could be a youth of about 16 years. He could sleep in our room or perhaps on the bus. Another possibility is that my girlfriend could come. She is an excellent cook and could work in the kitchens to make sure the local chefs don't throw in too many spices. She also has a very happy personality and could cheer up the guests when they get sick and things go wrong. If you object to her coming then I won't invite her. But she won't need to be paid much and your payment can still be the same. We could all share the same room (!) at some places if there was a hotel room shortage. Let me know what you think. I would also like to know if Zainabad has western food, or good Indian food. Dining out in Bhavnagar may be a problem and

you should look around very carefully at the restaurants there. Sample a few dishes at different restaurants if need be. Keep a list of all your costs and these will be paid for.

I will write to you later about many other matters that need to be decided. We will need to buy extra foods like custard powder, dried fruits, canned baked beans, spaghetti, tomato paste, etc. and I will need to know how available these are in India. We will also need to get together a library of wildlife books. You should also prepare talks to deliver on Indian birdwatching, conservation, religion, politics, and so on. But there is plenty of time for that yet.

Can you please make a renewed effort to find a fax number in Bombay. This may become a problem later on. I have your telex number of 011/84828.

On the enclosed leaflet I have changed the text to say that "Ravi is an ornithologist who studied bustards and floricans for the BNHS", thus leaving out any mention of your present employment. It is important for the prestige of the tour that the BNHS be mentioned.

That's all for now.

Regards

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8037981

2 March 1992
Bombay

Dear Tim,

Received your letter dated 17 February on the 27.

1) The money for advance booking.

Now that we don't have to book hotels in Bombay or Delhi, the money that needs being sent to me can be reduced, I am still unsure how much will be necessary - send an amount that you think should cover it plus some over for me to travel around doing the bookings. Presumably the minimum advance will be 50% of tariff at all hotels, though I will try to have this reduced where possible.

I have checked with Hong Kong Bank. You can send me the money to their Branch at Bombay. My identification will be my Passport - the message that they should receive from your end is that my identification is Indian Passport No. 8037981 issued at Bombay.

2) I will need to know how many rooms are to be reserved. If this is not known by the time I proceed on the logistics trip, I will proceed and book 9 rooms at all halts.

3) Yes the bus is certainly a better bet from Delhi to Bharatpur. Realised that immediately after writing to you. Will have a bus booked for the Delhi leg as well.

4) Food will not be such a problem - though an excessively finicky group will have problems! Eggs, Jams, cornflakes, other breakfast cereals; Canned baked beans, fruit, meat, cheese, juices etc. will be available in all major towns/cities. Similar food stuff of western make will be available at Bombay. Good bread will not be easily available in smaller places. My plan is to stock up at Ahmedabad a week or so prior to the trip. Please let me have a list and approximate quantities keeping in mind that when we leave Ahmedabad for Delhi we cannot carry much with us.

5) Certainly your girlfriend is welcome. I also have in mind my 'man friday' Mehboob, not only is he extremely helpful, he is handy with pots and pans (Indian Style) and can identify a fair bit of birds and mammals himself. He would be happy with

6) One problem point is the bus getting to the Ahmedabad airport on time and Delhi airport on time. The first can be solved by Mehboob meeting us at Ahmedabad airport with the bus. Delhi I will try and get hold of some one I know well to do the same. In both cases I will definitely hire buses from companies of repute.

7) Zainabad has both types of cuisine - but as is obvious one will get superior Indian food than western food.

8) We will need to purchase a large icebox for the trip to store cool drinks etc.

9) My contact by Fax.

Ravi Sankaran
c/o Nawzer Dadina
India - (022) 2048025

10) I will need to make the logistic trip within the Month of March. So ensure that the money reaches me by 18-20 March. I want all reservations completed by first April so get a move on that one!

11) I have misplaced one of your earlier letters where you had given me your FAX number. Could you send me that again.

12) Get back to me immediately with details of number of bookings etc. Any other details to be looked into now. Your arrival date in India etc.

I think thats it for now

Regards.

28-12-1991

Bombay

Dear Tim,

Good show. Just got back to Bombay from the Thar desert where I was these last 6 months. The timing is a killer in terms of the heat wave that will be sweeping through the plains, but we will get into the parks before they close. It also fits reasonably well with my work schedule and unless something unforeseen crops up I am on. In that event I will get someone else similarly acquainted with the area to do it with you.

Dr. R. SHANKARAN

Field Biosearch Pty. Ltd.

A.O.N. 6/0674142

P.O. Box 185, St. Lucia, Qld 4067, Australia
Telephone 07 371 0545 Facsimile 07 371 1711



FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
(From fax No: 61-7-371-1711)

Date transmitted : 17 March 1992
Transmitted to : Nawzer Dadina
Fax number : 0015-91-22-204 8025
ATTENTION : Ravi Sankaran
From : Tim Low
Number of pages : one (including this one)
Topic : Wildlife Tour

Dear Ravi,

The Australian company has sent US\$1600 today. This will be enough for bookings, based on their experience in southern India with the other tour. Government hotels shouldn't need 50% advance. Ask for less. Book Bharatpur Forest Lodge. Check out Anurag Resort at Sawal Madhopur. No word on bookings yet from America, but we should assume 14 guests. Go for 9 rooms but we may need less. At each hotel, ask about refunds.

Your plans sound excellent. Bring Mehboob! My girlfriend won't come. I will arrive a few days early to check the bus, help buy icebox, alcohol, etc., and perhaps to visit Ahmedabad to check the food. I will have all the money by then. I will soon write with details of food. Send double copies of future letters for safety, and send faxes - these will be paid for later.

When you receive the money, please send a fax!

Regards,

Tim

Field Biosearch Pty Ltd.

A.C.N. 010574142

P.O. Box 186, St Lucia, Qld 4067, Australia
Telephone 07 371 0545 Facsimile 07 371 1711



FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

FROM: Tim Low
TO: Nawzer Dadina
FAX NO.: 0015-91-22-204-8025
ATTENTION: Ravi Sankaran
DATE: 21 March 1992

Number of pages: 2

If this transmission is illegible or incomplete, please telephone
07-371 0545.

Dear Ravi,

US\$1600 was sent by Australia's Metway Bank at 16.58 Brisbane time on 17 March to the Hong Kong Bank, 52-60 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay. They definitely have the money.

See fax copy enclosed.

Regards,

Tim

HOLD for Jim Low.



COPY ONLY

Application for Overseas Telegraphic Transfer

Branch Name CALOUNDRA BRANCH

Customer's Name GHOEM EDUCATION DESIGNS P/L Telephone 947344
Address BOX 9 MOOLBOLAH 4553

Please issue a Telegraphic Transfer as detailed below:

Method of Payment

- Advise and credit beneficiary's account on receipt value date _____ 19____
 - Advise and pay beneficiary upon receipt
 - Pay beneficiary upon application and identification
- Beneficiary is to be advised by: Wire Telephone Mail

A\$1x 10c Stamp Duty

Beneficiary Details

Name RAVI SANKARAN Telephone _____
Address _____
Bank Name HONG KONG BANK
Bank Address 50-60 MAHATMA GHARDI RD
BOMBAY 40 000 1 Country INDIA
Account No _____

Amount

Currency/Amount 1600.00 USD Amount in Words ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLAR

Special Instructions (eg identification, Passport No.)

PAY BENEFICIARY UPON RECEIPT OF PASSPORT NO
8037981 ISSUED IN BOMBAY INDIA

Note: * The Bank is not responsible for any loss or delays in transmission or payment caused by circumstances beyond its control.
* Overseas payments or negotiation charges, if any, are to be borne by the beneficiary.

Bank debit for Motway Bank Account No 444 001 5841667 S for the amount payable
(if paying by cash/cheque, please complete a Motway Bank deposit form)

Customer's signature: x [Signature] Date 17/3/78

Branch Use Only

Foreign Currency Amount 1600.00
Exchange Rate .7472
AUS \$ equivalent \$ 2141.35
Charges \$ 17.50
Total AUS \$ payable \$ 2158.85

Exchange Control Requirements checked
Signature(s) verified (debit account)
(or) ID sighted _____

credit to Overseas Telegraphic Clearing A/c 0.62.89

Prepared by _____ verified by _____



Serial No. 0002086

Bank of America

National Trust and Savings Association

ORIGINAL

Nariman Point, Express Towers,
BOMBAY 400021

REF NO
08401204

DATE
24MAR92

CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN INWARD REMITTANCE

We Certify that we have received the following remittance and proceeds thereof were paid,

(a) to the beneficiary M/S ~~HONGKONG SHANGHAI BKNG CORP LTD~~.....
52/60 M G ROAD.....
BOMBAY 400 001.....
ATTN MR NADKARNI REMTT DEPT.....

BY PAY ORDER 564457 on 25MAR92
(b) to bank on

for credit of beneficiary M/S MR RAVI SANKARAN.....s' account
(name and address)

Name and place of residence of remitter GLOBAL EDUCATION DESIGN.....

Name and address of remitting bank BANK OF AMERICA
CONCORD.....

DD/TT/MT No RE099770012501 dated 25MAR92

Foreign currency Amount USD 1,600.00 Rupees equivalent 46,043.17
(Rupees FORTY SIX THOUSAND FORTY THREE .17)

Favouring HONGKONG SHANGHAI BKNG CORP LTD

Rate applied 0.034750000

Purpose of remittance as stated by remitter*/beneficiary

We also certify that the payment thereof has/has not* been received in non-convertible rupees or under any special trade or payments agreement.

We confirm that we have obtained reimbursement in an approved manner.

For BANK OF AMERICA NT & SA
Bombay Branch

Manager/Asst. Manager/Asst. Cashier
(Foreign Business)

Countersigned
(Name and Designation)

.....
(Address)



8802000

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Dear Tim,

25-3-92

I recieved the money today. There was a bit of a mix up. Metway sent it to Bank of America and then it came to Hongkong - hence the delay. I am leaving this night on the trip. Will fax you on 7 April with details.

Indian Adventures have a resort at Ranthambhor 54 \$ per night, inclusive of meals and two jungle rides per day. Will check how comfortable they are before committing and Forest lodge Bharatpur.

Thats it for now.

Regards

Ravi

0061-7-371-1711

00971 4 425 254

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If Cancellation is done before 15 days. Payment will be
GAURAJ HOTELS PVT. LTD. CHEQUE/DRAFT RECEIPT

paid back fully.

Rm. Reservation for
2 days. *Bluehill* hotel
21/5/92 &
22/5/92.

RECEIPT NO.	1707
DATE	5/4/92
BILL NO.	Advance

OPP. PILL GARDEN, BHAVNAGAR-364 001 (GUJARAT)

RECEIVED WITH THANKS FROM MR/MRS/MISS/M/S. Ravishankar

THE SUM OF RUPEES Three thousand only.

BY DRAFT/CHEQUE NO. 850524/525/526

BANK S.B.I. (T.C.) BILL NO. Advance Against Room
Bookings on 21/5/92

RS.	3000/-
DOLLARS :	
POUNDS :	
BANK :	

For, GAURAJ HOTELS PVT. LTD.



ACC. MANAGER

OFF. : 353000-353111-353222

RESI. i 440333-440900

Gram : 'ALKATRAVEL'

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TOURS & TRAVELS

No. ADV / 4951

Date

07/4/92

8, GROUND FLOOR, K. B. COMMERCIAL CENTER,
NEAR DINBAI TOWER, LAL DARWAJA, AHMEDABAD-380 001.

Received with thanks from Shri/Mrs. Ravisankaran /
Tim Low of Bombay.

the sum of Rupees Five Thousand only

By Cash/^{TRAVELLERS} ~~Dratt~~/Cheque No. 850580 to. 850584. dated 07/4/92.

Drawn on State Bank of India.

towards advance payment of booking of our A/c. / ~~Non A/c.~~ Car/Bus 18 seater @
Rs. 9/50 per Kilometer from 21/5/92 to 27/5/92. for the tour
from Ahmedabad to Buyat on only onwards.

The booking is confirmed only on receipt of (1) detail of Route (2) List of Passengers and
Sum of Rs. 12000/- Rupees Twelve Thousand only
at least before 25/04/92.

Rs. 5000/-

**SUBJECT TO MINIMUM CHARGES
OF 300 KMS PER DAY**

- Subject to : (a) realization of cheque
- (b) General rules printed on reverse
- (c) Ahmedabad Jurisdiction,

Ravi-Sankaran
Payee's Signature



(P. T. O.)

N. B. :-

- (૧) જો વરદી રદ કરવામાં આવશે તો ડીપોઝીટની રકમ પરત કરવામાં આવશે નહીં.
- (1) In case of Cancellation of the Tour, the Deposit will not be refunded.
- (૨) પ્રંખા, ટ્યુબલાઈટ, રેડીઓ ટેપરેકોર્ડર વગેરે વધારાની અને મરજ્યાત રીતે પુરી પાડેલી સવલતો છે અને તે નહિ ચાલવા બદલ કોઈ તકરાર ચાલશે નહીં.
- (2) Fans, Tube lights, Radio, Tape-recorders etc. are additional & Voluntarily Provided Facilities, Complaints for their inadequate non-functioning will not be entertained.
- (૩) વાહન અમારા ગેરેજથી નીકળે ત્યારથી શરૂ કરી વાહન ગેરેજમાં પરત આવે ત્યાં સુધીના અંતરના થતા કી. મી. ગણતરીમાં લેવામાં આવશે.
- (3) The distance will be calculated from our Garage to Garage.
- (૪) આકસ્મિક કે અમારા દ્રશ્ય બહારના સંજોગોને લીધે વાહન ન આપી શકવાને કારણે તેમજ બ્રેકડાઉન વગેરે માટે અમારી જવાબદારી ગણાશે નહીં.
- (4) We will not be responsible in case of our liability to provided the Vehicle due to accidental and/or circumstances beyond our Control and for Breakdowns etc.
- (૫) મુસાફરી નિર્ધારિત સ્થળ અને સમય કરતાં વહેલી પૂરી થાય તેવા પ્રસંગોએ અગાથી નક્કી થયેલ દીવસો અને સ્થળોનો પૂરેપૂરો ચાર્જ લેવામાં આવશે.
- (5) No Concession/Curtailment will be allowed in the charges in case of curtailment of the number or days and or places of the tour originally booked
- (૬) મુસાફરી અંગેના રસ્તાની દોરવણી આપવાની જવાબદારી કોન્ટ્રાક્ટથી બસ લઈ જનારની રહેશે.
- (6) The hirer will be responsible for, Guidance of the Route of Tour
- (૭) ટુર દરમ્યાન પેટ્રોલ ડીઝલ તથા મેંપેરીંગ માટે જરૂરીયાત મુજબની રકમ ડ્રાઇવરને વાહન ભાડે લઈ જનારે આપવની રહેશે.
- (7) During the tour the hirer should pay to the driver the amount required for purchase
- (૮) વાહન કાચા રસ્તે જશે નહીં. (8) The Vehicle will not go on Kacha Road.
- (૯) બસ ઉપડવાના નક્કી કરેલા સમય કરતાં બસ મોડી ઉપડે તો બીજા દીવસનો ભરવો પડતો વધારાનો ફર બસ ભાડે લઈ જનાર અહકે પોતાને ભરવાનો/ભોળવવાનો રહેશે.
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Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd.

(A Govt. of Gujarat Enterprise)

ગુજરાત પ્રવાસન નિગમ લિ.

(ગુજરાત સરકારનું સાહસ)



GUJARAT
TOURISM

Book No. C 117 Receipt cum Reservation Pass
(Not Transferable)

Receipt No. 49

રસીદ અને આરક્ષણ પત્ર
(તબદીલ થઈ શકશે નહીં)

here. Tax Extra

Holiday Home/Tourist Bungalow at

Sarangin

પ્રવાસધામ

Received with thanks from Shri/Smt/Kum.

Ravi Sankaran

શ્રી/શ્રીમત/કુમારી

તરફથી ઉપરોક્ત પ્રવાસધામમાં આરક્ષણ માટે અનામત તરીકે

a sum of Rs. 1800/- (Rupees One Thousand Eight Hundred only)
by M. O./Cash as deposit for reservation of accommodation at the above holiday home/tourist Bungalow.

રૂ. (અંકે રૂપિયા)

પુરા) મ. ઓ./શકડેથી મળેલ છે.

Name of Tourist/પ્રવાસીનું નામ :-

Ravi Sankaran

Address/સરનામું :-

Hornbill House, Shaheed Bhagt-
Singh Rd. Bombay. 23.

Type of accommodation

1 double

Block No./Suite No.

આવાસનો પ્રકાર

bedrooms.

બ્લોક નં./સુટ નં.

Total no. of persons

16

M

F

Children (upto 5 years).

પ્રવાસીઓની સંખ્યા

પુ

સ્ત્રી

બાળકો (૫ વર્ષ સુધીના)

Period From

23/5/92

to

27/5/92

4 days.

આરક્ષણની મુદત

થી

12 noon

Place/સ્થળ

Unmedised.

Date/તારીખ

7/4/92



Reservation Authority/આરક્ષક

20 April 1992
Bombay

From
Dr. Ravi Sankaran
Bombay Natural History Society
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road
Opp. Lion Gate
Bombay 23

To
The Manager
Blue Hill Hotel
Opp. Pill Garden
Bhavnagar 364 001
Gujarat.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the advance of Rs 3000/= made by me on 5 April 1992 (Receipt No. 1707). Unfortunately our proposed tour has been postponed. We will not be requiring the rooms as was booked. Please cancel our reservations and refund the advance at the earliest. I am enclosing a xerox copy of the receipt.

Thanking You
Yours sincerely

Ravi Sankaran

20 April 1992
Bombay

From
Dr. Ravi Sankaran
Bombay Natural History Society
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road
Opp. Lion Gate
Bombay 23

To
The Manager
Forest Lodge (ITDC)
Keoladeo Ghana National Park
Bharatpur
Rajasthan.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the reservation made by me on 3 April 1992, for 8 double rooms from 28-5-92 to 30-5-92. Unfortunately our proposed tour has been postponed. We will not be requiring the rooms as was booked. Please cancel our reservations and accept my apologies for any inconvenience that I may have caused.

Thanking You
Yours sincerely

Ravi Sankaran

20 April 1992
Bombay

From
Dr. Ravi Sankaran
Bombay Natural History Society
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road
Opp. Lion Gate
Bombay 23

To
Mr. Hitank J Shah
Alka Tours and Travels
8, Ground Floor
K.B. Commercial Centre
Near Dinbai Tower, Lal Dharwaja
Ahmedabad - 380 001

Dear Mr. Shah,

This is with reference to the advance of Rs 5000/= made by me on 7 April 1992 (No. Adv. 4951). I have just heard from the Tour Leader from Australia that they will not be coming, but will most probably do the trip in March 1993. Hence I will not be requiring the Bus between 21 May and 27 May 1992.

I would be extremely grateful if you would oblige in refunding the advance, or part of it, bearing in mind that cancellation is being made nearly a month before the dates booked for. Hopefully we will use your bus in March/April 1993.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely

Ravi Sankaran

20 April 1992
Bombay

From
Dr. Ravi Sankaran
Bombay Natural History Society
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road
Opp. Lion Gate
Bombay 23

To
The Manager
Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd.
H.K. House, Off Ashram Road
Ahmedabad 390 009

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the advance of Rs 1800/= made by me on 7 April 1992 (Receipt No. 49), for 9 double rooms from 23-5-92 to 27-5-92. Unfortunately our proposed tour has been postponed. We will not be requiring the rooms as was booked. Please cancel our reservations and refund the advance at the earliest to the above mentioned address. I am enclosing the original receipt. My apologies for any inconvenience that I may have caused.

Thanking You
Yours sincerely

Ravi Sankaran

encl. a/a

TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT ENTERPRISE

Tourist Information Bureau
HK House
Ashram Road
Ahmedabad-380 009.

NO:TIB:REF: 329

Dt.

27/4/92

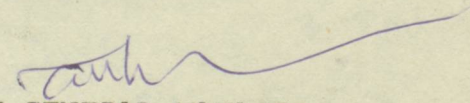
OFFICE ORDER

Shri. DR RAVI SANKARAN
SASANGIR

had reserved accomodation at _____
Holiday Home/Tourist Bungalow and paid a sum of 1800/- One thousand eight hundred
Rs. _____ (Rupees _____ only)
as deposit for reservation of accomodation 49 this
office vide RPP No. _____ Receipt No. _____
dated 27/4/92.

Shri. DR RAVI SANKARAN
20/4/92
has now sent his application dated _____ with a request
to cancel the reservation and to refund the amount due
to him. 50% refund is due as per rule 4 of the rules
for reservation of accomodation.

Sanction is now accorded for the refund of an amount of
Rs. 900/- (Rupees nine hundred only)
as per rule 4 of the rules for reservation of accomo-
dation in Holiday resorts in Gujarat after deducting
50% as cancellation charges.


DY. GENERAL MANAGER.

copy to : 1. Accounts Branch, TIB: to arrange to send
the amount.

2. Party's Address:

DR RAVI SANKARAN
BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY
SOCIETY, SHAHEED BHAGAT
SINGH ROAD
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INDIAN WILDLIFE TOUR

This tour takes in no less than 6 sanctuaries and national parks, and a rich sample of culture, including spectacular forts, ancient Buddhist caves, Mahatma Ghandi's Ashram, an Indus Valley archaeological site, perfectly preserved Moghul city (Fatehpur sikri), and of course the Taj Mahal. Guests are certain of seeing blackbuck and nilgai antelope, the endangered Asiatic wild ass, peacocks, vultures, monkeys, deer, and should be able to see both tigers and lions, not to mention jackals, mongoose, and monitor lizards.

Leading the tour will be two qualified biologists, an Australian and an Indian. They will provide identification of all the mammals, birds and most plants seen, and supply information sheets on some species and places. The tour will be equipped with an extensive library of Indian field guides and reference texts. Local experts will also be available for walks or talks at some locations.

The tour has a full itinerary but for the traveller wanting a more relaxed pace many of the activities can be considered optional, for example the visitor to Bharatpur could opt for fewer birdwatches and could skip the tour of Bharatpur Fort. The town at which each night is spent is indicated in square brackets.

Tour Details.

1. Visit Sanjay Gandhi National Park, on the mountains overlooking Bombay. Birdwatching, hundreds of fruit bats, tame monkeys. The park features ancient Buddhist caves, some dating back to the 2nd century. Evening flight to Ahmadabad. [Ahmadabad]
2. Visit Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram, then drive to Lothal, the ruined 4,500 year old Indus Valley City. [Bhavnagar]
3. Day tour of Velavadar National Park, a vast grassland supporting huge herds of rare blackbuck, a pretty antelope with very long coiled antlers. Wolves are found here, but are rarely seen. [Bhavnagar]
4. Drive to Gir lion sanctuary. This is the only place in Asia where lions still survive. It is also the easiest place to see leopards, and there are many deer, antelope and mongoose, and excellent birdwatching. [Gir]
5. Dawn and dusk drives to see lions and other animals, birdwatching walk in forest to lookout, and visit to crocodile farm. [Gir]
6. Dawn and dusk drives to see lions; midday visit to the remarkable town of Junagadh to see Fort, mosque, Egyptian cannon, Buddhist caves, Ashokan edicts dating back to 250 BC, etc. [Gir]
7. Drive to North Gujarat through scenic farmlands to Zainabad. [Zainabad]
8. Visit Little Rann Sanctuary, a desert of vast saltpans, to see the endangered Asiatic wild ass, which is found nowhere else; also nilgai antelope. Drive to Ahmadabad for evening. [Ahmadabad]
9. Morning flight to New Delhi. Drive to Bharatpur, one of the

world's most famous bird sanctuaries. Afternoon birdwatching.

[Bharatpur]

10. Early morning and afternoon birdwatching, midday tour of Bharatpur fort and museum. Or, a rest day for those who want it.

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[Bharatpur]

11. Morning birdwatching, afternoon visit to Moghul city of Fatehpur Sikri, Red Fort, then at dusk, the Taj Mahal.

[Bharatpur]

12. Leisurely drive to Ranthambhor Tiger reserve, the easiest place in the world to see wild tigers. Here they are diurnal and we have a much better than 50% chance of seeing them. Dusk tiger jeep drive. [Ranthambhor]

13. Dawn and dusk tiger drives, afternoon visit to spectacular tenth century fort overlooking park. [Ranthambhor]

14. Dawn tiger drive, then return to New Delhi. [New Delhi]

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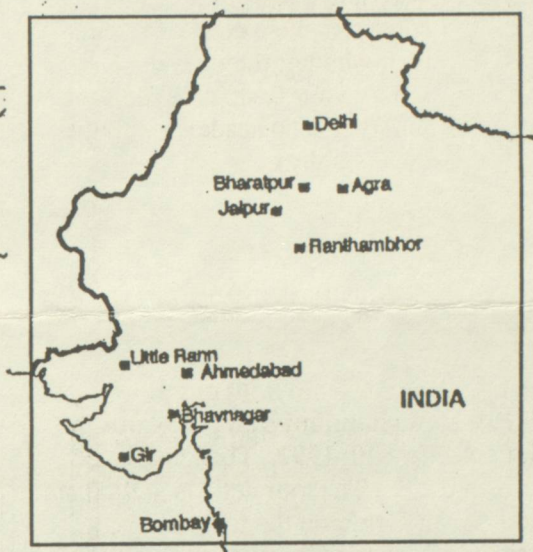
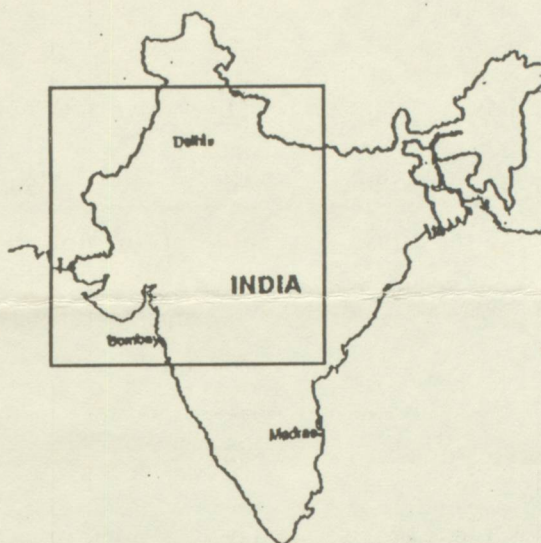
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Module 1 - Wildlife and Natural History of India

so visits to these places are included in your tour.



Although the forests and wildlife of India have been under great pressure from humans for thousands of years, a great diversity of wildlife still exists, albeit in small pockets of remaining habitats scattered over the sub-continent. Wildlife sanctuaries now protect populations of many of India's rarest and most exciting species of wildlife. With the assistance of suitably expert guides, visitors

can see some of the world's rarest and most endangered large animals in India. It is our pleasure to extend this opportunity to you.

This tour takes in no less than six wildlife sanctuaries and national parks. Guests will see blackbuck and nilgai antelope, the endangered Asiatic wild ass, monkeys, deer, jackals, mongoose, monitor lizards, peacocks, vultures, and a huge variety of other bird species and will almost certainly see both tigers and lions.

Because of the close juxtaposition of people, forests and wildlife of India over millenia, complex relationships, sometimes positive, sometimes negative, have developed between the Indian people and the wildlife. An unusual and fascinating aspect of this tour will be the exploration of some of these relationships and the role they have played in creating the India of today.

Although the tour focuses on the natural history and wildlife of India, there are some nearby sites of outstanding cultural and historic importance which should not be missed,

Tour leaders

Leading the tour will be two biologists, Tim Low and Ravi Sankaran. Tim, an Australian, is a professional biologist, nature writer and wildlife photographer whose work has taken him to national parks and reserves all over the world. He is a prolific contributor to many magazines and is the prize winning author of four books on edible and medicinal native plants. Tim teaches rainforest ecology for Field Biosearch's international field programs, lectures on botany at the Brisbane College of Natural Therapies, on wild foods and bush survival at the University of Queensland and on a range of natural history topics at the Queensland Museum. Ravi Sankaran is an ornithologist with the prestigious Bombay Natural History Society. His knowledge of the natural history of India, and his charming personality and multi-lingual skills make travelling and learning with him a relaxing and enjoyable experience. Ravi will be able to help you develop new insights into the way others in the world view the plants and animals which are part of their natural heritage.

The tour guides will identify for you all the mammals and birds and most plants seen. Printed information on some species and locations will also be provided. The tour will be equipped with an extensive library of Indian field guides and reference texts. Local experts will also be available for walks or talks at some locations.

The tour has a full itinerary but for guests wanting a more relaxed pace, many of the activities can be considered optional: for example, in Bharatpur you could opt for fewer birdwatches and could skip the tour of Bharatpur Fort.

This is an educational recreation program, not an academic study program. Our aim is to provide you with an



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interesting and exciting, but relaxing, program in which you can choose your own level of educational stimulation. Our accompanying biologists and other expert guides are with you to ensure that your personal educational expectations will be met, whether they are simply to satisfy your basic curiosity, or to satisfy a deep academic interest in the subject.

Tour Details

The place at which each night will be spent is indicated in bold type in the following itinerary.

Day 1 Meet your tour leaders from 8:00 am at Shelley's Hotel, 30 P.J. Ramchandani Marg (Strand Boulevard), Bombay on May 20, 1992. The telephone number of the hotel is 240 229. The tour departs at 9:00 am.

at Sanjay Gandhi National Park, on the mountains overlooking Bombay. Birdwatching, meet tame monkeys, visit a colony of hundreds of fruit bats. The park features ancient Buddhist caves, some dating back to the 2nd century. Evening flight to overnight stay in Ahmedabad. ²⁰

Day 2 Visit Mahatma Gandhi's ashram, then drive to Lothal, the ruined 4,500 year old Indus Valley City. Overnight in Bhavnagar. ²¹

Day 3 Day tour of Velavadar National Park, a vast grassland supporting huge herds of rare blackbuck, a pretty antelope with very long coiled antlers. Wolves are also found here, but are not often seen. Another evening in Bhavnagar. ²²

Day 4 Drive to Gir lion sanctuary. This is the only place in Asia where lions still survive. It is also the easiest place to see leopards, and there are many deer, antelope and gongoose and excellent birdwatching. Overnight in Gir. ²³

Day 5 Dawn and dusk drives to see lions and other animals, birdwatching walk in the forest to a lookout, and visit a crocodile farm. Gir. ²⁴

Day 6 Dawn and dusk drives to see lions, midday visit to the remarkable town of Junagadh to see the fort, mosque, Egyptian cannon, Buddhist caves, and Ashokan edicts dating back to 250BC. Gir. ²⁵

Day 7 Drive through scenic farmlands and small villages to Zainabad in North Gujarat. Discuss the lifestyles of the local people and the ways they interact with the wildlife. ²⁶

Day 8 Visit Little Rann Sanctuary, a desert of vast salt pans, and see nilgai antelope and the endangered Asiatic wild ass, which is found in the wild nowhere else in the world. Drive to Ahmedabad. ²⁷

Day 9 Morning flight to New Delhi. Drive to Bharatpur, one of the world's most famous bird sanctuaries. Afternoon birdwatching. ²⁸

Day 10 Early morning and afternoon birdwatching, midday tour of Bharatpur fort and museum, or a rest day for those

who want it. ²⁹

Day 11 Morning birdwatching, afternoon visit to the Moghul city of Fatehpur Sikri and the famous Red Fort. On to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal at dusk. Bharatpur. ³⁰

Day 12 Leisurely drive to Ranthambhor Tiger reserve, the easiest place in the world to see wild tigers. Dusk drives in jeeps to search for tigers. Ranthambhor. ³¹

Day 13 Dawn and dusk tiger drives, and an afternoon visit to the spectacular tenth century fort overlooking the park. Ranthambhor. ¹

Day 14 (June 2) Dawn tiger drive, then return to Delhi. ²

The tour ends at noon at the Park Hotel, Delhi.

For those continuing on to Module 2 - Art in Indian Culture, complimentary accommodation will be provided on the night of June 2 at the Park Hotel, Delhi, where Module 2 begins at 9:00 am the next day.

Tour Notes

Lions and tigers can be dangerous, so we will be viewing these and other mammals from the safety of our vehicle. Wherever it is safe to do so, we will walk in the forest to view birds and plants.

A comprehensive field guide to the birds of India and excellent general books about mammals and other wildlife, will be available for sale, at very reasonable prices, at the beginning of the tour. A natural history library will also travel with the tour. Bring your binoculars!

Limit on numbers of guests

This tour is limited to 14 guests. If the tour is over-subscribed when you apply, you will be notified immediately and placed on a waiting list.

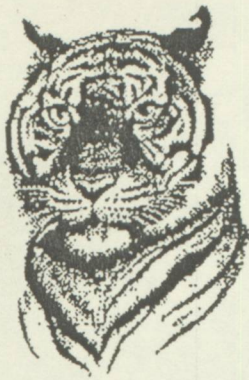
Weather

India in summer is very hot and humid. Take cool, loose-fitting comfortable clothing, preferably made of cotton. Shorts are suitable wear inside national parks, but trousers or dresses should be worn in urban areas to avoid giving offence to local people. Bring a hat and sunscreen lotion! On jungle walks, avoid wearing white or yellow clothing - these colours may startle birds and other wildlife. Greens and browns are best.

Food

Tap water in India should be treated before drinking. Purified water and hot and cold drinks will be freely supplied during the tour.

Food in India is spicy. We will provide breakfasts, lunches, and some dinners American-style but you are encouraged to partake of Indian cuisine, which will be freely available. The choice will be yours. Plenty of fresh fruit will be on hand. Alcohol is not widely available outside of India's cities, and is not sold at all in the 'dry' state of



Gujurat, where Gir, Velavador and Little Rann Sanctuaries are located, so you may wish to purchase your supplies before departing from Bombay.

Accommodation

All hotel rooms have en-suites, but some bathrooms have 'squat' toilets rather than the type you are used to at home. These are actually more hygienic than

western-style toilets as the body does not come into contact with the toilet.

Communications

India's telephone system is very cumbersome, and at most of the places we will be visiting, it will not be possible to phone home. Telexes are widely used but faxes are not.

The mail service is slow but reliable.

Electricity

Electrical outlets in India are 230-240 volts, so if you intend to use 110 volt appliances such as hair driers or shavers, a step-down transformer is necessary to avoid fusion of your appliances.

Items included in the cost of this module.

The cost of this module includes: all breakfast, lunch and evening meals, accommodation, ground transport between sites listed in the itinerary, and any admission fees payable to sites or events listed in the itinerary. For those going on to join the 'Art in Indian Culture' module, your accommodation for the intervening night in Delhi is complimentary.

Items not included in the cost of this module

The costs of meals between modules, transport between modules, alcoholic beverages, a-la-carte meals, visa fees, airport taxes, insurance, medical or associated services, medical insurance, legal fees, personal items or gifts, excess baggage charges, telephone charges, laundry, tips, room service charges and any entertainment, travel or other arrangements which are not part of the itinerary, are not included in the cost of this module.

Insurance

Kristensen International Travel & Tours Ltd. can assist you with all your travel insurance needs.

Health

Anti-malarial precautions are necessary in India. Make arrangements with your family doctor for a supply of anti-malarial medication which you should begin taking two weeks prior to leaving home, continue during your stay in India and for four weeks after your return home. In addition to taking your anti-malarial medication, for maximum protection, you should ensure that between sunset and sunrise, you cover as much of your body surface as possible with clothing and apply insect repellent to those parts of your body still exposed to insect bites.

We recommend that you consult with your doctor about the advisability of vaccination against tetanus, diphtheria, typhoid and Hepatitis A.

If you are taking prescribed medication regularly, ensure that you bring a large enough supply of medicines to last you for the duration of your stay in India.

Travel Documents

Kristensen International Travel & Tours Ltd, can advise you on visa and passport matters.

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Module	Focus	Maximum group size	Start date 1992	Start point	Finish date 1992	Finish point	Cost* \$US
India							
1	The wildlife and natural history of northwest India.	14	May 20	Bombay	June 2	Delhi	2480
2	The practice and role of art in Indian culture.	20	June 3	Delhi	June 9	Madras	1300
Bali							
3	The practice and role of art in Balinese culture.	20	June 12	Denpasar	June 18	Denpasar	1120
Niugini							
4	The practice and role of art in the Highland and Sepik River areas of Niugini.	20	June 20	Cairns, Australia	June 27	Cairns, Australia	1460
Australia							
5	The practice and role of art in the culture of desert and coastal Aboriginal Australians.	20	June 27	Alice Springs	July 4	Darwin	1340
6	The practice and role of art in the culture of Aboriginal Australians in the northern islands and Arnhem Land.	20	July 6	Darwin	July 12	Darwin	1280
7	The wildlife and natural history of central northern Australia.	20	July 14	Darwin	July 20	Darwin	970

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Module itineraries

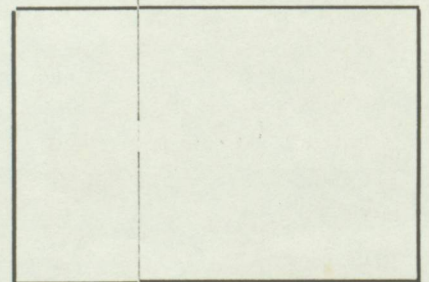
Module 1 - Wildlife and natural history of India

This tour visits six wildlife sanctuaries and national parks and nearby sites of major historical and cultural interest, including spectacular forts, ancient Buddhist caves, an Indus Valley archaeological site, and naturally, the Taj Mahal. Guests will see blackbuck and nilgai antelope, the endangered Asiatic wild ass, peacocks, vultures, monkeys, deer, jackals, mongoose and monitor lizards and should also see tigers and lions. The tour will be led by two biologists, one Indian and one Australian.

- Day 9 Bharatpur, one of the world's most famous bird sanctuaries. Afternoon birdwatching.
- Day 10 Morning and afternoon birdwatching, tour Bharatpur museum. A chance to relax for those who wish to.
- Day 11 Morning birdwatching, afternoon visit to Moghul city of Fatehpur Sikri, Red Fort, and at dusk, the Taj Mahal.
- Day 12 Drive by jeep to Ranthambhor Tiger reserve, the best place in the world to see wild tigers. Birdwatching.
- Day 13 Dawn and dusk tiger drives, observation of wildlife including deer and monkeys. Afternoon visit to spectacular tenth century fort overlooking the park.
- Day 14 Dawn drive to search for and observe tigers and then return to Delhi where the tour ends.

Module 2 - Art in Indian Culture

This tour concentrates on the arts and crafts of Tamil Nadu. In this part of India there have been few Muslim or Moghul incursions, thus Hindu art is vigorous and relatively free of other influences. The Tamils' highest artistic achievements are in their temple architecture and the associated temple arts and crafts and in their music and dance. This tour will focus on how the arts are incorporated into everyday life. An anthropologist will accompany you throughout the tour.



Taj Mahal

Indian lions in Gir Sanctuary.

Itinerary

- Day 1 Start in Bombay. Visit Sanjay Gandhi National Park overlooking Bombay. Bird watching, fruit bats, monkeys, and ancient Buddhist caves. Fly to Ahmadabad.
- Day 2 Visit Mahatma Gandhi's ashram, then Lothal, the ruined 4,500 year old Indus Valley city.
- Day 3 Velavadar National Park. Vast grasslands, huge herds of rare blackbuck, with their long coiled horns. Wolves still hunt here.
- Day 4 Gir lion sanctuary. This is the only place in Asia where lions still survive. Leopards, deer, antelope, mongoose and numerous species of birds are also found in the park.
- Day 5 Dawn and dusk drives to see lions and other animals, birdwatching, and visit a crocodile farm.
- Day 6 Observe lions and other animals, visit Junagadh's ancient fort and mosque and see 2,250 year old Ashokan edicts.
- Day 7 Drive to North Gujarat through scenic farmlands to Zainabad.
- Day 8 Visit Little Rann Sanctuary, a desert of vast salt pans, to see nilgai antelope and the endangered Asiatic wild ass.

Itinerary

- Day 1 In Delhi, introduction to the arts of India, followed by a tour of the State Emporiums of art and of the folk art museum.
- Day 2 Fly to Madras and bus to Mahabalipuram: Hindu architecture, monumental masonry, temples and temple art, particularly sculpture. You will visit the cave temples and the World Heritage listed shore temples.
- Day 3 Visit Kalakshetra, world renowned college of music and dance for an exclusive demonstration of the teaching and performance of classical music and dance. In the evening, make-up and costume preparations and performance with a folk dance troupe.
- Day 4 Gangagondaicholapuram temple, cloth painting.
- Day 5 Swamimalai: ancient wax casting of bronze. Visit Brihadeswarar temple and folk art museum. Evening classical dance.