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Notes for Tim re India Bibliography - sent on 13/7/97

I couldn't find the reference to the Brambling mentioned on page 550 of Ripley's *Synopsis* as *JBNHS* 32: 727.

The article you have listed as "Anon. (1995e) Recent tours: Southern India and the Andaman Islands, February 1995. *Sunbird Newsletter* November 1995: 3-4." was written by Paul Holt.

My copy of Bedi, R. (1985) *Corbett National Park*. Delhi: Clarion Books. [Uttar Pradesh] is dated 1984.

I have a spare copy of the Negi, S.S. (1991) *Handbook of National Parks, Sanctuaries and Biosphere Reserves in India* if you would like it. I see, however, there is a newer edition available now. Do you happen to know if it has been revised and updated or not?

Penhallurick, J. (1989) Birding Mudumalai, Tamil Nadu - south India: 26-30 August 1989. Unpublished. 5 pp. - Should read Mudumalai.

On my copy of 'Stefee, N. D. (1981b) *Field checklist of the birds of Nepal, Kashmir, Garhwal and Sikkim*. Russ Mason's Natural History Tours.' Steffee is spelt with 'ff'.

You might like to add the following to your list:

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Dear Tim,

Thanks enormously for your extremely useful and detailed comments and information regarding the Selective Bird List for A Birdwatcher's Guide to India. I am incorporating most of your suggestions. The time and trouble you have taken over this are much appreciated.

First some more items for your Bibliography:

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The first three were obtained from Steve Whitehouse. The last (exorbitant at £5) from Foyles in London.

Below I will reply to some of the points you have raised and try to answer your questions. I am also attaching the latest draft of the Indian checklist.

>In your introductory paragraph (and elsewhere) >you use the word 'endangered' when you mean >globally threatened or near-threatened. Probably >clearer to use these terms in the same sense as >BirdLife and to use different annotations for >threatened and near-threatened.

I had deliberately used the term 'endangered' in a broad colloquial sense, not wanting to resort to the strict BirdLife terminology at a time when a major review of the threatened status of Asian birds is being carried out. But you are probably right in that I should specify the status of each one, and I will endeavour to do so.

>The term 'endemic' presumably means breeding >endemic or almost endemic e.g. Yellow-wattled >Lapwing has been recorded as a vagrant in >Malaysia.

Thanks for pointing out some of my errors re endemics. However, I don't think the 'endemic' status of a species should be diminished on account of one or two vagrants that have turned up elsewhere, not least from the conservation perspective.

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>Pink-headed Duck: There is no evidence that it >ever occurred in southeast Tibet and there is >probably no suitable habitat there.

Yes, but this was based on a recent conversation at Tring with three gentlemen (including M.J.S. MacKenzie) loosely associated with the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. They were examining specimens with a view to following up a letter they had received on the subject with an 'expedition' to Tibet to look for it.

>Jerdon's Baza: This is presumably based on the >BNHS raptor report which, in my opinion, >contains much dubious information. This species >was found to be the commonest raptor in the N. >Cachar Hills, surely an unbelievable claim, >especially since Per Alstrom saw none there >during his trip?

Yes, the report is rather messy. I was going on the information on page 48 which lists the number of sightings during the entire survey as 19 and states 'The most common sightings were along the highways in Assam hills specially along the Tura - William Nagar road in western Meghalaya.' That is in the Garo Hills, some distance from North Cachar. Vibhu Prakash had personally mentioned this to me previously and Bill Clark seemed to think that Vibhu is a competent observer. I would think it does make some difference whether one is mainly looking for raptors or for warblers. I will tone the text down nevertheless. I myself saw only one Jerdon's Baza during my visit to the Northeast last year and that was soaring above roadside forest on the road up to Changlang (Arunachal Pradesh) east of Margherita (Assam).

>Nicobar Serpent Eagle: I believe that the >conclusions in the BNHS report are wrong. It >seems far more likely that the sympatric forms >on Great Nicobar Island are *S. klossi* and a >subspecies of *S. cheela*, either *davisoni* or >*malayensis* (see the discussion in Abdulali >1979b); and that *klossi* and *minus* (which >share various similarities in structure, >colouration and habitat) are conspecific. >Sankaran (in press) had 30-35 sightings of *klossi* >and considered it to be near-threatened.

What had struck me in conversation with Vibhu Prakash was his insistence that the call of 'minimus' on Great Nicobar was exactly like that of cheela, which it resembled in other respects except for its very small size, while the call of klossi was very different. This would certainly be explained by the birds being attributable to a race of cheela, though it sounds as though the birds were rather small for davisoni and malayensis. It would be interesting to know what Ravi Sankaran has to say regarding this and his experience of the calls of minimus elsewhere. Any chance of a copy of his article? 30-35 sightings of klossi over what kind of timespan? Raj Singh should be meeting Vibhu this month and I will ask him to try to get some more information on this subject.

>Oriental Hobby: Again, I think the BNHS >report is wrong - there are no other high->altitude records of this species as far as I know - >I suspect they were Eurasian Hobbies.

My generosity getting the better of my scepticism, as is too often the case. I should have checked back with the Forktail article on the GHNP.

>Chestnut-breasted Partridge: Pratap Singh has >recorded this on quite a number of occasions >now, not just 'two or three' times.

But not Namdapha I assume.

>Mrs Hume's Pheasant: What is the basis for the >inclusion of Arunachal Pradesh in its range?

The fact that the greater part of the Patkai Hills is in Arunachal but I didn't delve further back than the Handbook on this. Have altered my text slightly as 'eastern Arunachal Pradesh' alone is doubtless misleading.

>Forest Owlet: Recorded from Bihar by Ara >(1953, 1956), who referred to differences in call >from Spotted Owlet. Nigel Collar was very >dismissive of this when I drew it to his attention >but Ara was obviously a knowledgeable and >experienced field observer (judging from his >papers) and this claim warrants investigation in >my view.

Have looked up the references. Since the sighting was from Goilkera just across the border from northwest Orissa it seems not unreasonable. Pity that no date was given. It might be worthwhile doing a survey there. He is a Mrs. actually.

>Ward's Trogon: Usha Ganguli-Lachungpa >found this in Sikkim last year.

Do you know where exactly?

>Malabar Grey Hornbill: An Indian endemic.

Oops, of course.

>Yellow-rumped Honeyguide: The 'Himalayan >Honey Bee' is more usually referred to as the '>Rock Bee'.

As I understand it these two species of bee have been split with the latter occurring at lower altitudes than the former. See Underwood, B.A. (1992). Notes on the Orange-rumped Honeyguide Indicator xanthonotus and its association with the Himalayan Honey Bee Apis laboriosa. JBNHS 89:290-295.

>Singing Bushlark: No published records from >Delhi - what is the basis for the Tughlaqabad >records?

I thought this was in one of the trip reports but I can't find the reference. It may have been something Paul Holt had mentioned. Will check with him when he gets back, otherwise will delete.

>Pacific Swallow: Not a subcontinent endemic, >and not the nominate form - that occurs in the >Society Is!

Oops again. I'd forgotten to delete the star when I relumped the two.

>Golden-crested Myna: Per Alstrom saw a >juvenile near Siliguri very recently.

In the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary.

>Bar-winged Wren Babbler: Also recorded in >Arunachal by Ludlow & Kinnear (1944) >[ignored by Ripley], Singh (1995) and Athreya & Karthikeyan (199?).

Interesting that Pratap Singh's record has mutated from four or more birds at 2800m in JBNHS 89:376 to six or more at 3000m in Forktail 10:69. I'd also missed Ripley & Beehler's record from the Upper Noa Dihing, of course.

>Wedge-billed Wren Babbler: Not Indian >endemic,

Another silly slip though Pam Rasmussen is thinking of splitting it.

>also in China (see Forktail 7) and very
>recently in Nepal. Seen in Darjeeling area in >1986 by Peter Heath.

I think you mean Phil Heath. I have just discovered that my copy of his report is missing the Darjeeling section.

>Spot-breasted Laughingthrush: The Khasi Hills >are in Meghalaya, not Assam.

Having been there I should 'know' this.

>Elliot's Laughingthrush: Pratap Singh has >recorded it again once more since 1994.

Also at Hotspring?

>Streak-throated Barwing: Also in Cachar, >Assam.

By the way, Des Allen and I did not see it there and neither did Per Alstrom. Neil Bostock (in litt) mentioned having seen it on Shillong Peak but all we saw there were Rusty-fronted and he may not have been too careful in looking at these. The rusty front seemed less obvious than usual.

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>Grey Sibia: Also in Manipur and Nagaland. >What is the basis for listing North Cachar?

Personal observation of two birds along the road from Mahur to Turpiu, 16/3/96, elevation between 1000 and 1200m. By this time I was familiar with the species from the Shillong area.

>Beautiful Sibia: Also recorded in Assam, >Meghalaya and Nagaland. What is the basis for >the Sandakphu record - no records for Bhutan >so most unlikely to occur so far west.

Raj Singh (in litt.), though he may have had the information from someone else. Will remove.

>Brown-breasted Flycatcher: Saying that >'Smaller numbers summer in the Northeast' >suggests that wintering birds include extralimital >breeding birds. Is there any evidence of this?

I was probably thinking of its summer range as northeast India to Szechuan. Will rephrase.

>Grey-crowned Prinia: Are there any reliable >recent records from Corbett?

Probably not reliable.

>I would class this
>as very scarce in India, with only one recent >record from West Bengal that I can find.

Okay.

>Tytler's Leaf Warbler: Ali (1954-1955) found >this to be 'locally common' in one place in >Madhya Pradesh in winter.

Thanks. Maharashtra not Madhya Pradesh.

>Smoky Warbler: Is it really increasing at >Bharatpur, or merely more frequently detected?

Probably the latter. Will rephrase.

>Grey-cheeked Warbler: Is it really that rare? Per >Alstrom found a few in the Darjeeling area this >spring and it has been recorded by quite a >number of authors from Arunachal.

Per had mentioned in a recent email 'Not so many *S. poliogenys*, though (had stopped singing, which may explain their scarcity)'. I have replaced the word rarest with scarcer in my text and have asked Per exactly where he saw them.

>Stoliczka's Bushchat: No records this century >from Gujarat according to Rahmani (1997).

I saw a one on the margins of a cottonfield at the southeastern edge of the Little Rann of Kutch in February 1994 about a week after I had seen some at the Desert National Park. I had planned to send a note to Asad Rahmani but didn't get around to it.

>Finn's Weaver: Is there recent information from >Hastinapur - if not perhaps change to 'has bred'.

Will do.

>Green Avadavat: Still locally common in some >places e.g. Melghat and there is no direct >evidence for any decline. The Birds to Watch >piece was based on a misinterpretation of >Gaston (1985a) (M. Crosby verbally). The >decline due to trade is inferred purely from the >numbers traded - an assumption that may be >very misleading. I think it is overlooked due to >its unobtrusive habits and its occurrence in areas >not much visited by birders. Note recent records >south to Kerala.

I'm not sure how 'locally common' they are at Melghat. I was there 21 - 25 March 1995. An ACF told me they were seen occasionally in lantana scrub around the tourist accommodation at Semadoh and on the road from there to Chikhaldara (a.k.a. Chikalda, 25km to the south). Prachi Mehta, who was doing a project there had been 'keeping a look out for them' and not seen them in the five months she had been there. She didn't appear incompetent to me, barring the usual problems with difficult species. The only ones I saw were in two flocks of 7 and 10 respectively about 3-4km north of Chikhaldara. I was initially attracted by a distinctive call I didn't recognize. I would describe it as an initial nasal 'pink' becoming a 'psss', short and not very loud. I wouldn't have said the birds were any more unobtrusive than any other *munia/avadavat*-type. I doubt whether trapping is totally without effect on the species.

>Chestnut-eared Bunting: Do you have any >reliable records from Bharatpur?

Probably not reliable enough. Will check with Paul Holt.

Once again a multitude of thanks. I'm trying to get the information as accurate as possible and you have been of especial help.

Cheers

Krys

P.S. - I am sending the Indian checklist as an attached Word 6 document. If you would prefer a different format let me know.

The Synopsis reference to the occurrence of *Calidris acuminata* in Kashmir seems to refer to Biddulph's record from Gilgit, i.e. Pakistan not India. Biddulph, J. (1887) "Further Notes on the Birds of Gilgit" *Stray Feathers* Vol 10: 257-278. Hence I have removed it from the checklist.

I still have not found any reference to Japanese Grosbeak *Eophona personata* except on the checklist in the BirdLink Newsletter.

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Athreya, R. M. and Kartikeyan, S. (1995) A report on a visit to the wildlife sanctuaries in the Dafa Hills of Arunachal Pradesh. Unpublished.

I think should be Athreya, R. M. and Karthikeyan, S.

Barooah, D. (1992) The Orange-billed Jungle Myna in plains of Upper Assam. *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* 32(7 & 8): 16. [*Acridotheres cinereus*] should be page 15

I don't know if you want to bother altering this but

Tikader, B. K. (1984) *Birds of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands*. Calcutta: Zoological Survey of India. is actually titled *Birds of Andaman and Nicobar Islands*.

You might want to consider adding some of the following:

Athreya, R.M. (1997) A faunal survey of Namdapha Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh, India. (October, 1996 & January - February, 1997). Unpublished.

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Corrections to Indian bibliography:

- According to Aasheesh Pittie the following citation is part of the editorial and hence attributable to Zafar Futehally:
Anon. (1981g) The Christmas Island Frigate Bird. *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* 21(8): 2-3. [Fregata andrewsi, Karnataka]
The same no doubt applies to some of the other NLBW refs listed under Anon.
- e.g. Anon. (1989d) Birds of Kodai. *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* 29(9 & 10): 1. [Karnataka]
Kodai is, of course, in Tamil Nadu not Karnataka.

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The following appears to be a double entry:

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A.

Dear Tim,

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Herewith a few follow up notes regarding your comments on the Selective Bird List from 'A Birdwatcher's Guide to India':

I'm afraid I still can't find the reference to Singing Bush Lark at Tughlaqabad. I'm sure I didn't make this up but will remove the mention anyway.

Paul Holt saw a small group of Grey-crowned Prinia at Corbett four or five years ago (pers. comm.).

Regarding the effects of trapping on Green Avadavat see Bhargava, R. (1996) Notes on Green Munia. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 93(3): 588-589. [*Amandava formosa*, Uttar Pradesh]

I can find no reference to Chestnut-eared Bunting at Bharatpur other than the park checklist. I haven't seen it there and more to the point neither has Paul Holt. I will remove it from my text.

On another subject: Per Alstrom wrote in a recent email "I just got a copy of Pratap's bush warbler from Dehra Dun through Per Undeland. It's a Spotted Bush-Warbler *B. thoracicus*, NOT a Chinese *B. tacsanowskius*!" Have you had a chance to compare the recording with any others?

Cheers

Krys

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Dear Tim,

Hereto attached the Namdapha checklist to which I have added the records from

Neil Bostock = B
(29 April - 1 May 1994, unpublished notes)

R.P. Neog & B.B. Bhatt = N
(1990-91, Check List of Birds of Namdapha Tiger Reserve: year 90-91.)

The latter, as is often the case with 'Forest Dept' checklists, contains some dubious records such as *Bubo bubo*, *Oriolus oriolus* and *Acridotheres ginginianus*. In spite of this, I have not censored too many. I assume that by *Pelargopsis amauroptera* is intended *capensis* and by Eastern Rufousbacked Accentor is meant (Eastern) Rufousbreasted Accentor and have given them as such. *Garrulus lanceolatus*, *Spelaornis badeigularis*, *Leptopoeile elegans* and *Saxicoloides fulicata* I have left out. Generally they have used the names as in the Handbook but, unfortunately, half way through the list they cease to give the Latin names which makes it difficult to interpret some records such as 'Black-headed Bulbul' (*atriceps* or *melanicterus*?). Perhaps one should include a warning that some of these records should be treated with caution, or you might want to ignore this list altogether.

I have corrected a couple of typos and hope I haven't committed too many myself. I also noticed that, although Brown Shrike was already on your list, there was no indication of which reports had mentioned it.

I will resend my Indian checklist shortly when I have finished some more small revisions.

Cheers

Krys