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Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2003 2:36 PM
Subject: Re: Pitta and

Dear Aasheesh

You wrote

--- aasheesh <aasheesh@vsnl.in> wrote:

> Dear Anand,

That last paper (Supplementary

> Note) had many references from earlier authors, so I

> will have to get a copy of the paper. Of which more

> after a few days...

I have a copy of the Supplementary note and this what I mentioned before,

I also have a copy of JBNHS Vol3(2) April 1888, p. 69-71 Titled "Waters of Western India" (Supplementary Note), With no author at the beginning but again 'signed' Keswal.

Here he talks about a previous article in the series on the Konkan coast and Bombay. Birds discussed are Swallow Plover *Glareola orientalis*, Grey Plover, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Crab-plover, Golden Plover, Pied Avocet and Mallard and he says "'our only Gannet' has been identified as *S cyanops*". .i.e. Masked Booby. He says "Mr. Inverarity first corrected my belief." which is the only reference to other authors.

Also

I already had the Sykes quote but thanks for sending it.

And by the way you already have the Sykes paper you mentioned in Indiabib with the different title

11149. Sykes, W.H. (1832): Catalogue of birds observed in the Dukhun.

Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London_ 1832: 149-172 .

<Lt. Col. W.H. Sykes, F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c.&c., was in the Bombay Army. The copy in the BNHS library has notations in margins by Salim Ali.>

[#ANDHRA PRADESH; #DECCAN; GUJARAT; INDIA;
#MAHARASHTRA; ORNITHOLOGY :
CHECKLIST; #PUNE DISTRICT]

Also

I was reading this article

Vidal, G.W. (1898): On the distribution of the Black-capped Kingfisher (*Halcyon pileata*). Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society 11(3): 552. Which also mentions details of White-collared Kingfisher so that species should probably be in the Indiabib keywords and Kalyan is also mentioned which I presume is near Bombay and that is not in the Keywords in Indiabib. He says "With reference to my note on page 148 of the present volume, the Kalyan skin of the above mentioned bird has been carefully examined etc."

So probably Kalyan is also mentioned in the previous article he refers to but I have not yet got a copy of that. Which is

8185. Vidal, G.W. (1897): The distribution of the Black-capped Purple

Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*. *Journal of the Bombay Natural History*

Society 11(1): 148.

[BIOLOGY : DISTRIBUTION; HALCYON PILEATA; INDIA; #KARNATAKA; UTTAR KANNAD]

Also I sent this to you before but now I realize that there must be 2 Skins of Burmah papers unless Red Data Book has made an error. I have the paper you cite in Indiabib Anon (1886) i.e. P. 83 and there is definitely no reference to Greater Adjutant anywhere in that list. I hope you have not already answered this and I have possibly misplaced the answer but I don't think so.

In Birdlife International 2001 they quote Maharashtra An undated historical record from "Konkan-Ghat-Mata" (Konkan = a long coastal strip between Daman and Goa) (Anon. 1886) is not mapped. And give the reference as Anon. (1886) List of bird skins from Burmah and other parts of India. Presented to the Society by Mr. G. W. Vidal, C.S, January 1886 *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society* 1: 136. (Greater Adjutant in Konkan).

Cheers
Prasad

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> Enclosed is what I have on the papers by Keswal. As
> you would have realised by now, the keywords in my
> database could be misleading. An example: If a
> keyword set has both Gujarat and Maharashtra and a
> list of avian taxa, they could be from either of the
> states. So the database will yield only so much
> information and no more. Ultimately one has to go to
> the original.
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> By the way, I chased up that quote about bustards
> from the *Oriental Sporting Magazine*. Here is the
> citation.
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> Burton, R.W. (1920): Notes from the *Oriental*
> *Sporting Magazine*, June 1828 to June 1833. *Journal*
> *of the Bombay Natural History Society* XXVI(4)(31
> January): 1047-1049. <Copy held.> ["Sixteen
> years ago [1903 - A.P.] the present writer saw and
> shot bustard in the Hyderabad territory north of the
> Godavery River."]
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> I was going through another paper, by Sykes, in
> which is mentioned, "This noble bird is so common in
> the Dukhun, that one gentleman has shot nearly a
> thousand." Apparently, this refers to the same
> source as Burton did in his note mentioned above.
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Dear Aasheesh,
Some Indiabibs,
Cheers
Prasad

Black-capped Kingfisher

"In case Mr. J. Brand's contribution of a live specimen, noted in the 1st number of the Journal, vol. X. p. 337, may escape notice, I think it is well to call attention to (this) species so near Bombay as Kalyan." Comber, E. 1896;

Reference

Comber, E. (1896): On the occurrence of Halcyon pileata (The Black-capped Kingfisher) near Bombay. Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society 10(3): 533-534.

Don't know if I SENT THIS BEFORE BUT IT IS NOT IN MY Indiabib

2/ Betham, R. M. (1903): The Banded Crake at Khandala Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society 14 (1): 180-181. (Breeding).

This is monograph not in Indiabib

"Mr. D.G. Elliot has recently published (Proceedings of Zoological Society, 1878, p. 234) an admirable monograph of the Pteroclidæ. I will add a few remarks as to distribution in this country, as I have more information on this subject than was available to Mr. Elliot. P. arenarius:-Throughout the western and central portions of the N.-W. Provinces and the western districts of Oudh it is an occasional straggler to similar localities (open comparatively waste country) and the same may be said in regard to its appearance in ..Khandeish," Hume, A.O. 1878

Reference

Hume, A.O. (1878): Notes. Stray Feathers 7(1-2): 161

The Bustard is not in the key of Indiabib for this reference. From Gundalpet, Mysore State from 30/11/1941, where the author states, "A solitary specimen of the Great Indian Bustard was seen the same day (as he shot a Comb Duck), but efforts to bag it proved unsuccessful," Stoney 1942. Presumably this is the same as the previous Gundlupet, listed in Birdlife International 2001, as being in Karnataka. Which is very likely especially as Stoney was stationed in Ooty only about 50km away. There is a Gundipet near Hyderabad City but at that time it would have been in Hyderabad State and not in Mysore Presidency. *Gundlupet is correct*

Reference

Stoney, R.F. (1942): The occurrence of the Comb-Duck (Sarcidiornis melanota) in Mysore State. Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society 43(3): 525.

A couple of additions.

Anon. (1896): Proceedings of the Meeting held on 14th January 1896. Contributions to the Museum. Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society 10(2): 337.

[Black-capped Kingfisher (Kalyan), contributed by Mr Brand. Lesser Florican, unknown location.]

"In case Mr. J. Brand's contribution of a live specimen, noted in (Anon, 1896), may escape notice, I think it is well to call attention to (this) species so near Bombay as Kalyan." Comber, E. 1896;

Anon. (1898): Proceedings of the Meeting held on 16th December 1896. Contributions to the Museum. Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society 11(1): 141-142.

(Black-capped Kingfisher and Lesser Florican at Raigad District. Marbled Teal unspecified locality etc.).

These two entries in Indiabib seem to be repetitions of the same paper

del → Baker, E.C. Stuart (1930): The game birds of the Indian Empire. Part 13 _Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society_ 34(3): 859-876 .

Baker, E.C.S. (1931): The game birds of the Indian Empire, Vol, V. The Waders and other semi-sporting birds. Part XIII. _Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society_ 34(4): 859-876 .

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Dear Aasheesh,

I wrote a while back asking for some photocopies of Newsletter for Birdwatchers, I have been able to get some of them but still there are some I am unable to get hold of. I have the e-mail address of someone from NB who has said they can get me the more recent ones, but that was 6 months ago and although they have agreed nothing happens and they do not answer my mails. I will have to give up on that score. You said that before you couldn't help and I understand that completely, it is too much to ask, but I was hoping to do a trade with you (the possibility has taken a while to materialise because it has also taken ages to get hold of the papers I was wanting). Anyway I think I have a good offer, I have quite a few photocopies of Sea Swallow a quite amazing little magazine, I cannot understand how it is not more readily available. I have the articles below here with me in Goa, and also several back in England, which I would not be able to send until at least March next year. I need about 25 pages of NB and I have about 160 pages (69 photocopies) of Sea Swallow. Would you be interested in a trade? If so the list of articles I am interested in is below,

Cheers,
Prasad

Here also are some comments on Indiabib

→ Khera, S. & Kalsi, R.S. (1986): Diurnal time budgets of the Bank Myna, *Acridotheres ginginianus* (Sturnidae) during prelaying, laying and incubation periods. *Pavo* 24(1&2): 25-32. (Aurangabad).
Is nothing to do with Aurangabad, I think you have mixed it up with the previous paper

This reference JBNHS 4: 319 is not in Indiabib.

Perhaps it is an incorrect quote because the Danish Library could not find this reference for me!

→ "Bombay (specimen 23/9/18 Bhyandar). Noted only near Rewas Pier-Dharamtar Creek-12/3/30, a solitary example. On JBNHS 4:319, 2 Bar-tailed Godwits are recorded as received by the Society from Mr. Sinclair, Alibag. Straggler? As pointed out by S.A. in a note on the Bhyandar specimen (Ali 1929) Bombay is considerably south of its hitherto known range in the Indian Empire," Ali, S. & Abdulali, H. 1939;

→ This reference actually only goes up to page 35 Page 36-29 is a paper about Echinida species 11210. Burgess, W.H.O. (1855): Notes on the habits of some Indian birds. Part VII & VIII. *Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London* 1855: 27-39 .

Sea Swallows articles I have in India and can send copies of. I have only bracketed the species, off the coast of

Maharashtra there are many more records from around the subcontinent!!

Bourne, W.R.P. (1966): Observations of sea birds and review of literature. *Sea Swallow* 18: 9-39.
(Red-billed Tropicbird off Goa, White-faced Storm-petrel about 100km out from Mangalore, Karnataka. *Fregetta* sp. About 1000km west of Thane coast and about 475km west of the Ratnagiri coast).

Chapman, S.E. (1982): Notes on seabird reports received 1980-81. *Sea Swallow* 31: 5-24.
(Wedge-tailed Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-petrel and Red-billed Tropicbird in Arabian Sea).

Chapman, S.E. (1983): Notes on seabird reports received 1981-82. *Sea Swallow* 32: 12-21.

Chapman, S.E. (1984): Notes on seabird reports received 1983. *Sea Swallow* 33: 12-21.
(Wilson's Storm-petrel common in September about 150km off Bombay)

Chapman, S.E. (1985): Notes on seabird reports received 1984. *Sea Swallow* 34: 46-55.
(Wedge-tailed Shearwater about 200km out from Goa, Jouanin's Petrel about 550km west of Ratnagiri, Grey/Red Phalarope about 350km west of Daman).

Chapman, S.E. (1986): Notes on seabird reports received 1985. *Sea Swallow* 35: 3-13.
(Jouanin's Petrel, about 1000km west of Daman).

Chapman, S.E. (1987): Notes on seabird reports received 1986. *Sea Swallow* 36: 33-46.

Bourne, W.R.P. (1989): Seabird reports received in 1987 and 1988. *Sea Swallow* 38: 7-30.
(Jouanin's Petrel in Arabian Sea, Red-billed Tropicbird about 900km west of Ratnagiri, Masked Booby about 1000km west of Bombay).

Casement, M.B. (1983): Landbirds from ships at sea 1981-82. *Sea Swallow* 32: 23-41.
(Wheatear sp, Saker Falcon, Short-eared Owl, Yellow Wagtail in Arabian Sea).

Casement, M.B. (1987): Landbirds from ships at sea 1981-82. *Sea Swallow* 36: 46-?.
(I don't have this, only the first page but thought you would be interested in the reference. This is a regular article with much detail on migratory birds. I will try and get hold of the whole index of *Sea Swallow*, if there is such a thing, if so I will let you know.)
79 photocopies

These I have in UK, which I could copy when I return in March.

Casement, M.B. (1990): Bombay notes. *Sea Swallow* 39: 70-72, 3p

Bourne, W.R.P. (1960): The petrels of the Indian Ocean. *Sea Swallow* 13: 26-39 14p .

Tuck, G.S. (1964): Land birds at sea. *Sea Swallow* 16: 40-59. 20p

Bourne, W.R.P. (1965): Observations of sea birds. *Sea Swallow* 17: 10-39. 30p

Pocklington, R. (1967): Observations by personnel of R.V. Atlantis II on islands in the Indian Ocean.
Sea Swallow 19: 38-41 .4p

Bourne, W.R.P. (1967): Observations of sea birds and review of literature. *Sea Swallow* 19: 51-76 . 26p

Anon. (1970): White-bellied Storm-Petrels, *Fregata grallaria*, in north Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea in the summer. *Sea Swallow* 20: 41-42. 2p

Bourne, W.R.P. & Dixon, T.J. (1973): Observations of seabirds 1967-1969. *Sea Swallow* 22: 29-60. 32p

Bourne, W.R.P. & Dixon, T.J. (1975): Observations of seabirds 1970-1972. *Sea Swallow* 24: 65-88.
24p.

Simpson, D.M. (1984): Autumn migration of landbirds in Bombay offshore waters in 1983. *Sea Swallow* 33: 53-58. 6p

Hales, S. (1997): Observations of seabirds in Goa, November 1995 and November 1996. *Sea Swallow* 46: 67-69. .3p
164pages

Nilakanta, S.V. (1966): Birds of Juhu swamp. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 6(3): 4-5 ✓

Anon (1966): Notes and comments. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 6(6): 8; ✓

Futehally, Z. (1966): Birdwatching in Kolaba District. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 6(12): , 5-6. ✓

Futehally, Z. (1968): Random notes. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 8(6):, 1-3. ✓

Futehally, S. (1968): Birds of Mahableshwar. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 8(7):, 4-5. ✓

Rao, V.U.S. (1968): The Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis perniger* within Bombay limits. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 8(12): 6-7; ✓

Stairmand, D.A. (1971): The Indian Pitta arrives on schedule in Borivli Park, Bombay. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 11(6): 11-12 . (I HAVE P.11 but not 12)

De, G. (1973): Birding in the Vihar and Tulsi Lake areas of Bombay. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 13(2):, 8-9

Gole, S. & Gole, P. (2000): Looking around Kihim. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 40(3):, 31-32.

Anon. (2000): Kihim Diary. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 40(1): , Inside frontcover-1.

Anon. (2001): Visit to Pune 11-13 November 2000. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 41(1):, Inside frontcover-1.

Anon. (2001): Editorial: Two months in Kihim. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 41(3): Inside frontcover.

Osmaston, B.B. (2001): Birds in the Andamans (extracts from the diaries of B.B. Osmaston). Newsletter for Birdwatchers 41(3):, 34-35

Pande, S.A., Pawashe, A.P. (2001): Wintering of Grey-headed Flycatchers in Konkan and Western Ghats of Maharashtra. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 41(2):, 15-16.

Purandare, K. (2001): Nesting colonies of the Little Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax niger*) and Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) in Pune city, Maharashtra. Newsletter for Birdwatchers 41(1): 9;
Total 25 pages

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