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To, Shree Dashesh Pittie.
Hydrabad.

Dear Sir,
Many thanks for receiving my article
on Gudari Bird Sanctuary and commenting on the
Same in NSBW.
I had ^{taken} 25 members of Youth hostel
Association to the Sanctuary to initiate them to
the joys of birdwatching. Since I was only
birder there I had to explain, identify and
answer the queries of the members, it ~~was~~ left
me with no time to make a count of the nest
numbers, hence I have given approximate
numbers based on approximation.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully
Gurunath Desai

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Dear Mr Desai,

Thank you very much for your above letter.

I am thrilled to know that you are concerned enough about our environment to take people with you and share your joy with them. This is the best way of spreading the message of birdwatching, and also lighting the spark within people that will ultimately make them sit up and take notice of what is going on around them.

My comments on your note were no doubt from a technical point of view, but they were also made to make amateur birders realize the importance of numbers. I think that in India we are mostly listers. We ignore the number of birds we see and this major lacuna now prevents us from comparing bird fauna of regions from time to time, precisely because we do not have the figures! By the way, I too fall into the trap of listing most of the time.

I enclose a copy of PITTA, the monthly bulletin of the Birdwatchers' Society of Andhra Pradesh and a membership form for your use. I urge you to become a Life Member of the society and encourage us in our work.

Thanking You,

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,



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